

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4162  
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TRANSPORTATION OF COAL  
Namdhari Shri Inder Singh

**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a coal washery is functioning in the Piparwar Colliery in Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount spent on its commissioning;
- (c) whether the construction of a railway track was started from washery which was later on discontinued;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for discontinuance of railway track;
- (e) the present status of the said project;
- (f) whether in the absence of a railway track, the coal is being transported by road incurring billions of rupees; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to restart the construction of said railway track?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Piparwar Washery was commissioned in 1997 at a rated capacity of 6.5 Million Tonne per annum at a total cost of Rs.329.16 crore (approximately),

(c) to (g): The work of construction of railway track is in progress. At present the only alternative to dispatch coal produced from different collieries of Piparwar Area is to transport the coal by road to the nearby railway sidings viz. Bachra, RCM, KDH & Dakra sidings.