

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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PANEL ON COAL SOURCES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has appointed any panel to rationalise coal sources;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the aims and objectives of such panel; and
- (d) the benefits of such panel to various stakeholders?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): On 25th June,2010, an inter-ministerial Task Force under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary, Ministry of Coal, comprising representatives of Ministries of Power, Railways, Steel, Commerce and Industry, Central Electricity Authority, National Thermal Power Corporation and Coal India Limited/Coal companies was constituted to undertake a comprehensive review of existing sources and consider the feasibility of the rationalization of these sources.

(c)&(d): The objective of constitution of the Task Force is to consider the feasibility of rationalization of the existing sources of coal supplies with a view to minimizing transportation cost within the given technical constraints. The benefits of such rationalization including faster turnaround of railway rakes, lower transportation cost and lower transit losses would accrue to the consumers.