

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2978
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TRANSPORT OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Mahanadi Coalfields Limited has been often encouraging movement of coal by rail racks even for short distances viz. within 100 Kms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this has led to substantial hardship in the livelihood of road transport companies operating in Talcher coalfield area;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Coal India Limited has reported that Mahanadi Coalfields Limited is neither encouraging nor discouraging movement of coal by rail within short distances. The mode of movement for lifting of coal from the collieries is decided by the consumers/buyers.
- (c): No Sir, since in addition to movement of coal by Rail, substantial quantity of coal is being taken by consumers/buyers by road. The quantum of coal supplied by road from Talcher coalfield during 2008-09 and 2009-10 was 9.3 million tonnes and 10.7 million tonnes respectively.
- (d)&(e): Does not arise in view of reply given in respect of parts (c)&(d) of the question.