

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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ESM TRANSPORT COMPANIES  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether concessions are given to the Ex-Servicemen (ESM) transport companies in comparison to other coal transporting companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number and names of such companies owned by ESM presently operating in Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) and in the companies under DVC's control;
- (c) whether the Government has received any complaints about the fake ESM Companies and their performance;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action 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 & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Defence, Director General Resettlement (DGR) has reported that no concession is given to the Ex-Servicemen (ESM) transport companies in Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) and two ESM companies, viz. M/s Oneiric Carrier Ways Pvt. Ltd. and M/s Bison Transport Pvt. Ltd. are presently operating in DVC.

(c) & (d): ESM transport companies are within the purview of DGR, Ministry of Defence. DGR has reported that no complaint about fake ESM companies has been received by them. Earlier, certain complaints were received in the Ministry of Coal against the ESM companies deployed in the South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL). The Ministry of Defence got the matter investigated but prima facie the enquiry did not reveal anything to substantiate the complaints.