

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3478
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FILLING OF UNDERGROUND COAL MINE
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that 90 per cent of underground mines are not properly filled up with sand after extracting coal and thus left the entire coal belt disaster prone;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has set up any committee to find out the truth about the callousness of management; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Extraction of coal with sand stowing is done in those areas where there is need to protect the surface features and also due to some other technical reasons. Mine owners need to seek prior permission before carrying out extraction of coal with caving or stowing from DGMS under the provisions of Coal Mines Regulation 1957.

(c) & (d): No, Sir.