

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:361
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SUPPLY OF COAL TO KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether coal is supplied to power plants in Karnataka from far away States;
- (b) if so, whether transporting the coal to thermal power plants entails high transportation cost;
- (c) if so, whether Karnataka Government has represented to the Union Government for rationalization of coal linkage from coal belts located nearer to the State; and
- (d) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

- (a) &(b): Coal is being supplied to Raichur Thermal Power Station of Karnataka from Western Coalfields Limited and Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, which are nearer, as compared to the other subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited.
- (c) : Ministry of Coal has not received any representation for rationalization of existing source for Raichur Thermal Power Station.
- (d): Does not arise, in view of reply given in respect of part (c) of the question.