

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1614  
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SUBSIDY ON COAL FOR POOR PERSONS  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is providing any subsidy on coal supplied for the poor people's consumption ;
- (b) if so,the details thereof; and
- (c) if not,the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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(a) to (c) : Coal is not sold to different consumers by Coal India Limited (CIL) on subsidized rates as compared to the notified rates declared by CIL in the price notification issued for different grade/sizes of coal for different coalfields/coal companies.

Since the pricing of coal is fully de-regulated and no budgetary support is provided by the Government to the Coal companies, subsidizing of coal is not feasible. Moreover, in the national context, coal does not constitute a major source of fuel for domestic use.