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STRIKE IN CIL

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the employees of Coal India Limited and its subsidiary companies and the Singareni Colliery Company Ltd. are resorting to frequent strike;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, subsidiary-wise alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of loss of production of coal reported from these coal companies during the strike period;
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to redress the demand of coal employees and to restore normalcy ; and
- (e) the present position of coal production and supply from these collieries?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The details of strikes that have occurred in Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) during the last three years and the current year are as follows:-

2008-09 :

1. CIL - There was a strike on 28.4.2008 at Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL), Bharat Coking Coal Limited(BCCL), Central Coalfields Limited (CCL)and Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL)on wage revision.

2. SCCL - workers of 8 mines out of total 49 mines went on strike on 20.08.2009 against Government policies. Similarly on 08.11.2009 workers of 2 mines went on strike demanding immediate rectification of discrepancies occurred in their pay slips.

2009-10

1. CIL - Nil

2. SCCL - workers of one mine went on strike on 19.07.2009 and 20.07.2009 on demanding change of availability of winding shaft. Similarly, on 05.10.2009 workers of one mine went on strikedemanding 30 minute grace period for "In Time" booking instead of existing 15 minutes and to allow the late comers after the grace period.

2010-11

1. CIL - There was a strike in ECL, BCCL & CCL on 5-5-2010 on demand of disinvestment, perquisite tax and declaring CIL as infrastructure industry. Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) went on strike on 18.10.2010 on the above issues and for clearing employment impediments, better compensation to land losers and no further allotment of virgin blocks in all the subsidiaries.

2. SCCL - all employees (except essential staff) of all mines went on strike on 07.09.2010 protesting against the policies of Central Government i.e. Rising prices, Job losses, Non-enforcement of basic labour laws, disinvestment of shares of Public Sector Enterprises etc. Similarly on 22.02.2011 and 23.02.2011 the employees went on strike in sport of Bandh call given in demand of immediate formation of separate Telangana State.

2011-12 (upto Oct,2011) :

1. CIL - On 10-10-2011, all the subsidiaries of CIL went on an industrial strike for demand of Rs.25,000/- as Performance Linked Reward/Bonus/Ex-gratia and Rs.1000/- as ex-gratia in lieu of appreciation of contractor workers for the year 2009-10.

2. SCCL - all employees went on strike on 20.06.2011 and 23.06.2011 over a charter of 47 demands. They again went on strike on 05.07.2011, 06.07.2011and 13.09.2011 to 3rd shift of 17.10.2011 in support of Telangana Bandh call for separate Telengana Statehood.

(c) : The details of loss of production of coal reported from the coal companies of CIL and SCCL during the above strike period in the last three years and the current year are given as under:-

Year Production Loss (in Tonnes)

CIL SCCL

2008-09 239983 19072

2009-10 Nil 4893

2010-11 84358 422984

2011-12 495146 4011091

(upto October 2011)

(d) : A meeting was held with Secretary, Ministry of Coal with Central Trade Unions (CTUs) on 9.04.2010 and subsequently, another meeting was held on 16.04.2010 with Minister for Coal with the CTUs wherein the demands of the CTUs were discussed at length. Regarding strike on 10.10.2011, a meeting with Hon'ble Minister of Coal and all CTUs in the presence of CMD,CIL was held on 17th October, 2011 and the demand of CTUs were considered after which the strike was called off and normalcy restored. The coal companies and the Ministry hold meeting with the Trade Unions from time to time to resolve their demands and amicably resolve the issues.

(e) At present coal production and supply from the collieries of the Subsidiaries of CIL and SCCL is normal. The total production and off take for CIL during 1st Half of 2011-12 are 176.62 Million Tonnes and 199.07 Million Tonnes respectively. SCCL has achieved production of 21.64 Million Tonnes and supplied 23.20 Million Tonnes during the same period.