

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:193

ANSWERED ON:07.12.2011

CO-OPERATION IN COAL SECTOR

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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India has participated in the World Mining Congress in Istanbul in the month of September, 2011;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether India and Turkey have agreed for co-operation in the coal sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof :
- (e) whether India has offered technical co-operation to develop coal and lignite deposits and coal washing in Turkey; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Turkey thereto ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 193 FOR REPLY ON 7.12.2011 ASKED BY SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAI SI AND SHRI PRADEEP MAJHI

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. A delegation led by Minister of Coal participated in the 22nd World Mining Congress and Expo 2011 held in Istanbul, Turkey during 11-16 September, 2011. The other members of the delegation were :-

- (i) Shri A.K.Bhalla, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Coal
- (ii) Shri N.C.Jha, Chairman, Coal India Ltd.
- (iii) Shri D.N.Prasad, Director (Technical), Ministry of Coal
- (iv) Shri Daljit Singh Chawdhary, PS to Minister

A delegation from Ministry of Steel led by Shri P.K.Misra, Secretary accompanied by Shri Udai Pratap Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Shri Rana Som, CMD, National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) Ltd. and Shri N.K.Nanda, Director (Technical), NMDC Ltd also participated in the World Mining Congress.

The theme of the 22nd World Mining Congress was " Innovations and Challenges in Mining". The main objectives of this Congress was as follows:-

- (i) To adopt latest technical innovations,
- (ii) To find solutions to improving productivity and efficiency,
- (iii) To enhance product quality,
- (iv) To reduce production costs,

(v) To perpetuate sustainable production,

(vi) To create environmentally sound operations

(c) to (f) : No formal agreement has been made between India and Turkey for co-operation in the coal sector. However, India has offered technical cooperation for (i) developing coal and lignite deposits in Turkey, (ii) coal beneficiation (iii) capacity creation and (iv) skill development of miners. Govt. of Turkey welcomed the proposal of Govt. of India. Govt. of Turkey also requested Govt. of India to participate in the tenders for proposed new coal based power generation capacity of 15000 MW in Turkey.