

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF INFERIOR QUALITY OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether power companies have registered complaints regarding supply of inferior quality of coal for thermal power stations;
- (b) if so, the nature and details of complaints received from various power companies and other organizations during the last two years and the current year;
- (c) the action taken in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up coal washeries for refining coal to improve its quality; and
- (e) if so, the details of investment made for this purpose including the contribution of private sector in this regard and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes Sir, complaints regarding supply of stone/boulders and wet/sticky coal have been received by subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited (CIL), and the Ministry of Coal either directly from Power Utilities or through Central Electricity Authority (CEA)/Ministry of Power. The number of complaints received by the subsidiary companies of CIL during the last two years and the current year are as under:-

Year 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 (Upto November, 2011)

Number of 609 517 340
complaints

(c): The Government has directed coal companies to ensure supply of 100% sized coal. The coal companies are also taking remedial action/corrective measures in respect of specific complaints received from power plants. Arrangements for joint sampling and analysis with power stations are in vogue in CIL and for other consumers having annual coal requirement of 4 lakh tonnes and above. Payment is made by the consumer on the basis of analysed grade. As per the Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA), power plants are compensated for the stone/boulders at unloading power stations end, after joint assessment.

(d)&(e): Coal India Limited (CIL) proposes to set up coal washeries for beneficiation of coal to improve its quality. CIL has initiated action to set up coal washeries at various locations, at an estimated cost of Rs. 2320 crores. No investment has so far been made since the proposals for setting up the washeries are at various stages of tendering. Since the washery projects will be financed and owned by CIL, there will not be any contribution from the private sector as far as capital investment is concerned.