

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE FOR SELLING OF COAL

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to adopt international practices to fix the selling price of coal in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the dissimilarities and similarities in new and old practices adopted for fixing the selling price of coal;
- (c) whether the quality of domestic coal in comparison to international coal is inferior due to presence of ash contents in it; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL(SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) & (b) :Yes, Sir. The Government has decided to switch over from present grading of coal based on Useful Heat Value (UHV) to Gross Calorific Value (GCV) based system as per international practice, which had been recommended for adoption by a number of High Level Committees including the Integrated Energy Policy Committee. The details with regard to fixing prices for the GCV based system will be worked out by Coal India Ltd.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. To ensure availability of better quality of coal through possible reduction of ash contents, in addition to the existing washeries, more coal washeries are being planned to be set up in Government coal companies as well as in private sector.