

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDENCE IN COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether construction of super structures at the opening of coal mines is causing subsidence;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has formulated any policy regarding construction of the said super structures in coal mine areas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Construction of super structures at the opening of coal mines do not cause subsidence. However, subsidence caused due to coal mines may affect the super structures built on surface of mines. The Government has not formulated any policy regarding construction of the said super structures in coal mine areas. However, the Central Government has requested various State Governments not to take up any major infrastructure projects on the coal bearing areas without consulting the Ministry of Coal and the coal companies concerned. The Ministries of Civil Aviation and Power have also similarly been requested in the matter.