

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3279
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SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Coal India Limited(CIL) proposes to use satellite technology to prevent shipment of coal from being hijacked;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; (
- (c) whether a quarter of CIL annual production of coal is stolen while in transit;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has fixed/proposes to fix accountability in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Coal India Ltd. (CIL) is selling coal on "Free On Rail" (FOR) basis. Transport of coal from the mine face to the point of loading is the responsibility of CIL and thereafter it is the responsibility of the purchaser. It has been decided to set up a monitoring system for movement of coal through Global Positioning System (GPS) in all mines of CIL by 31.12.2011.

(c) to (f) : No, Sir. However the following steps have been taken to prevent pilferage/theft of coal:

- i) Check Posts have been established at the vulnerable points.
- ii) Wall fencing, lighting arrangements and deployment of armed guards round-the-clock has been done around the coal dumping yards.
- iii) Regular patrolling is conducted in and around the mine including OB dumps.
- iv) Armed Guards have been deployed at Railway sidings.
- v) Interaction and liason with District Officials at regular intervals and holding meetings with District Collector & District Administration every month.
- vi) Challans for coal transportation by trucks outside the district are being issued after fixing hologram and putting signatures of authorized officials of CISF to check theft.
- vii) Regular FIRs are lodged by the Management of the collieries and CISF with local police stations against the theft of coal. A close watch on the activities of criminals is being maintained by CISF.
- viii) Management has been taking action for filling/dozing/scaling/blasting of the old/abandoned exposed coalfaces in passed manner.