

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:388
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2011
OVER REPORTING OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of over reporting of production of coal and difference in the physical stock and the book stock in the Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) during the last three years and the current year have come to the notice of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the matter has been investigated; and
- (d) if so, the details including the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT AS MENTIONED IN ANSWER TO STARRED QUESTION No.388 FOR ANSWER ON 21.12.2011 ASKED BY SHRI BAL KUMAR PATEL REGARDING OVER REPORTING OF COAL.

(a) to (d): As stated by Coal India Limited (CIL), 12 cases of over reporting/ shortage of coal production were reported by the stock measurement teams in Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) during last three years and the current year. During 2008-09 cases of stock shortage were reported in Jemehari, SSI, Kelipahari, KD seam, Ghusick and Satgram mines. Enquiries were conducted against the officials found responsible for the same. In the cases related to five mines out of the above, the Inquiry Officer has given report concluding that the charges are not proved and the officials are not guilty. The report is under consideration of the Disciplinary Authority. In another case enquiry is under progress. Stock shortages are reported during 2009-10 in Ghusick, Chora 7 & 9 pits, Chora 10 pit and West Kenda OC mines. Similarly during 2010-11 stock shortage was reported in New Kenda mine and during 2011-12 in Dhemomain Incline mine. The enquiries in respect of above cases are under progress.

In addition to the above, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has reported a case of coal stock shortage at Rajmahal Open Cast Project (OCP) and reported that 9 officers of Eastern Coalfields Limited are found responsible for the same. CBI has filed chargesheet against the officers.