

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF COAL TESTING CENTRES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL) has decided to establish separate coal-core testing centres in each of the coal regions including in Nagpur;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise;
- (c) the estimated cost worked out for construction/setting of each of these centres;
- (d) the details of assistance/facilities provided by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the time by which these centres are likely to be established?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL) has a coal core testing laboratory at Ranchi. It has been decided to establish two additional laboratories in South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) and Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) areas. The requirement of other coal regions, including that of Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) area, will be met by Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CIMFR) labs of Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). In addition, the capacity of existing Ranchi lab (in Jharkhand) is to be expanded from present level of 6,500 meters to 20,000 meters/annum for catering to the needs of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL), Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) and other areas. Two new Regional Laboratories will be established at Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh) and Bhubaneswar (Orissa) and will have the capacity of 5,000 meters/annum of coal-core analysis. These two labs will cater to the needs of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) and Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) areas, respectively. In addition, the capacity of Petrography Laboratory of CMPDIL (Headquarter), Ranchi is also proposed to be increased from the present level of 550 samples/annum to 1200 samples/annum.

(c): The estimated amount to be spent for construction/setting up of each coal-core testing centre is as under :

(Rs. in Lakh)

CMPDIL (Headquarter) Lab, 621
Ranchi

Bilaspur Lab 229

Bhubaneswar Lab 219

Total 1069

(d): Government has approved a proposal of CIMFR for enhancing coal core analysis capacities of various CSIR lab from the existing 0.54 lakh meters per annum to 5.95 lakh meters per annum at an estimated cost of Rs.36.07 crores. The investment will be made by Coal India Limited (CIL).

(e): The proposed new regional labs (two) are likely to be established by 2010-11 whereas existing Ranchi lab is likely to be expanded by 2009-10.

