

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2496

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ALLOCATION OF COAL TO GUJARAT

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Gujarat and other States of the western part of the country are being allocated coal from eastern coal belt;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the criteria/norms being followed in this regard;
- (c) whether the State Government of Gujarat has submitted any request for allocation of coal to the State from Western Coalfields Ltd (WCL) and other collieries located near the State;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide fuel subsidy to the States to compensate additional financial implications on account of import of additional coal for power generation;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether the task force on coal allocation has recommended enhancement of firm allocation of coal from WCL to Gujarat; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The power utilities of Gujarat are predominantly supplied coal from the coalfields of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) located in the State of Chhattisgarh in Central and East Central India. A small quantity of coal is also allocated for these plants from Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) located in the State of Maharashtra in Central India. Power utilities of Maharashtra are being supplied about 35% of coal from the coalfields located in the States of Odisha and Chhattisgarh and the rest from Western Coalfields Limited. The decision on source allocation of coal is taken on the basis of long term availability of coal in the source, potential for incremental production, transport logistics etc.

(c) & (d): Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Limited (GSECL) has requested for early implementation of the recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Task Force regarding swapping of 1 – 2 Million Tonnes of C/D grade from SECL/Korea Rewa fields to the proportionate quantity from Korba coalfields. GSECL has also requested that the balance quantity of Korea Rewa coal be transferred from SECL to WCL mines in order to reduce transportation charges. Coal available at WCL, where there are no growth prospects, is already linked to various power stations and other industries, so much so that even the power stations of Maharashtra are being supplied a large part of their coal requirements from the States of Odisha and Chhattisgarh.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise, in view of reply given to part (e) of the question.

(g): No, Sir.

(h): Does not arise, in view of reply given to part (g) of the question.