

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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PROFITS BY COAL PROJECTS/MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of coal projects/mines in the country which earned profits during the last three years;
- (b) the details and the number of those which incurred losses during the same period;
- (c) whether the losses incurred by the above projects are incurring continuously;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor, and
- (e) the remedial/corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a)&(b): The details of profit making and loss making mine projects for last three years in Coal India Ltd. (CIL) and Singareni Colliery Company Ltd. (SCCL) are given as under:

SL Mine Projects 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11

1 In profit 161 210 197

2 In loss 392 352 368

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. Most of the losses making mines are underground mines, which are incurring continuously losses. Reasons for losses in these underground mines are as under –

- i) Most of the mines are very old with difficult geo-mining conditions, resulting in the low output per man shift.
- ii) While revision of coal prices, the actual input cost in these mines is not being reflected.
- iii) High Wages & Salaries as per National Coal Wage Agreement.

(e) : CIL and SCCL are being advised regularly for ensuring effective utilization of available men, machinery and other infrastructures of the company, Semi mechanization/mechanization of mining operations in underground mines and introduction of new technologies to have bulk coal production in improvised safety conditions etc. for making these mine profitable.