

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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NEW MINING ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Coal India Limited's (CIL) subsidiary Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) is not active in any new mining activities; and
(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir. It is not a fact that WCL is not active in New mining activities. The details of new mining activities are as under:

UNDERGROUND:

(i) Introduction of Continuous Miner Technology:

WCL has already introduced Continuous Miner technology at Tandsi & Kumbherkhani UG mines.

(ii) Introduction of Mass Production Technology:

Three Coal Blocks have been identified for Development of High capacity Underground Mines with Mass Production Technology.

(iii) Underground Coal Gasification:

Thesgora "C" Block in Pench-Kanhan Coalfield has been identified for underground coal gasification by CMPDIL, Ranchi.

(iv) Application of Man-riding System in Mines:

The Man riding System has been introduced at four underground (UG).