

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Coal India Limited (CIL) proposes to open direct sales depots in some States especially where the population depend more on such sales ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this direction so far State-wise, especially in Andhra Pradesh ; and
- (c): the manner in which the CIL proposes to cater to the genuine needs of rural areas in Andhra Pradesh ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Distribution of coal is at present guided by "New Coal Distribution Policy (NCDP)" as notified by Ministry of Coal on 18.10.2007. In the said NCDP, there is no provision of opening any direct Sales Depot in any state, including Andhra Pradesh.