

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN VISITS BY OFFICIALS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of offices and of officers of the Ministry, various departments, undertakings and other institutions under it who visited foreign countries and the countries to which they visited and the total duration of their stay therein during the last three years year-wise as on date;
- (b) The net worth of foreign exchange given to them in the form of 'travelers cheque' or cash by the Government;
- (c) The details of bankers cheques not produced for encashment;
- (d) The reasons for misuse of Government funds by these officers and the reasons for not realizing this money from them; and
- (e) The steps taken to realize misappropriated funds and the time by when it is likely to be realized

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) Sir, the requisite information in respect of the foreign visits of Officers of Ministry of Coal and officers of PSUs as a part of delegation of the Ministry is placed at "ANNEXURE-A" . The information in respect of Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited is at "Annexure-B". In respect of other undertakings and institutions under the Ministry, is being collected and will be laid on the table of House.

(b) & (c) Ministry of Coal does not issue Travelers and Banking cheques or cash to the officers of the Ministry. The net worth of foreign exchange given to the officials of NLC by NLC in the form of travellers' cheque or cash as on 31/03/2012 is Rs.34,57,358/-. The 'Bankers Cheques not produced for encashment' in NLC during the last three years is 'nil'. The information in respect of other undertakings and institutions under the Ministry, is being collected and will be laid on the table of House.

(d) & (e) No such case has come to the notice in the Ministry. NLC has also reported 'nil' information. The information in respect of other undertakings and institutions under the Ministry, is being collected and will be laid on the table of House.