

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2952
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TRANSPORTATION OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the CHP Washery at Piparwar colliery in Jharkhand was constructed by an Australian company about two decades ago and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether construction of a rail track from CHP Washery, Piparwar Colliery, Jharkhand to Macluskiganj railway station is incomplete since two decades;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL) incurs a large expenditure in transporting coal as a result thereof;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (f) whether views of CCL authorities are different on above rail project; and

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

- (a) : Yes, Sir. Piparwar Washery was constructed by M/s. White Industries Australia Limited (WIAL) and put to operation in 1997.
- (b) & (c) : Yes, Sir. Initially the work was awarded to M/s. IRCON International Limited on turnkey basis in two phases in the year 1990 and 1995. The work was abandoned by M/s. IRCON after 15th July, 2002 under force-majeure clause due to constraints faced by IRCON in execution of work due to poor law & order situation including murder of IRCON's sub contractor. Till then the work was partly completed by M/s. IRCON. After due formalities, the remaining work was awarded to M/s. RITES Limited. Presently, the work is in progress but at a slow pace due to following reasons.
 - i) Poor law & order situation
 - ii) Frequent obstruction from local villagers
 - iii) Murder of RITES contractor's working personnel in the recent past.
 - iv) Eligible contractors reluctant to participate in the tender invited for related works.
- (d) & (e) : The amount incurred on transportation of coal by road is realized from the consumer. Hence, no direct financial impact lies on Central Coalfields Ltd.
- (f) & (g) : No, Sir.