

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PURCHASE OF POWER

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL) proposes to purchase power from Damoder Valley Corporation (DVC) directly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the present source of power of ECL;
- (d) whether that source is not enough to serve ECL; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a): Eastern Coalfields Ltd (ECL) is exploring the possibility of taking power from Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) directly at 11 KV for the mines of Mugma Area of ECL in Jharkhand.
- (b): At present, ECL takes power from Jharkhand State Electricity Board (JSEB) for all their mines at Mugma. JSEB is not supplying uninterrupted power to the mines and, therefore, ECL has to explore alternate source(s) to purchase power.
- (c): The operational activities of ECL are in West Bengal and Jharkhand. In respect of mines located in West Bengal, ECL is drawing power from three supplying agencies viz. West Bengal State Electricity Development Corporation Ltd (WBSEDCL), Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) and Dishergarh Power Supply Company Limited (DPSCL). In respect of mines located in Jharkhand, JSEB is supplying power to ECL after its purchase from DVC.
- (d) & (e): In respect of power being received from JSEB, the interruptions of power are high, as a result of which the production and safety at Mugma mines are affected.