GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COAL LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:268 ANSWERED ON:26.02.2013 INVESTIGATIONS INTO COAL BLOCKS ALLOCATION Patil Shri A.T. Nana

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the status of investigation carried out by CBI into the alleged irregularities in the allocation of coal blocks since 2006 so far;

(b) the action taken so far in each of the cases and the details of the persons including Government officers against whom cases have been registered by the Government/CBI; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to speed up investigation in ongoing cases?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): As reported by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), it has registered 3 Preliminary Enquiry cases regarding alleged irregularities in allocation of coal blocks relating to allocation of coal blocks to private companies during the period 2006-09, relating to allocation of coal blocks to private companies during the period 1993-2004 and relating to allocation of coal blocks to Government companies. As informed by CBI, in respect of 9 companies, 9 FIRs have been lodged. The investigations are reportedly under progress. Further, Ministry has issued show cause notice on 15.11.2012 to 8 companies against whom FIR has been lodged (in case of one company show cause notice was not issued as the block had already been de-allocated). The reply to show cause notice from 7 companies have been received. A copy each of the replies received has been sent to CBI.