

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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FIRE IN COLLIERIES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the collieries like Ashoka and Piparwar situated in Jharkhand are under fire since long;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the financial as well as material loss of Coal India Limited as a result thereof; and
- (c) the action being taken by the Government to extinguish this fire?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a): Ashoka and Piparwar situated in Jharkhand do not suffer from fire since long. However, there have been some stray incidents of spontaneous heating at these opencast mines which are dealt with effectively.

(b): There is no financial and material loss due to stray incidents of spontaneous heating at Ashoka and Piparwar opencast mines .

(c): The following action is taken by the mine management of Ashoka and Piparwar opencast mines to extinguish the stray incidents of spontaneous heating.

i) Coal face is properly dressed.

ii) Proper water spraying at Coal faces is done which are susceptible to spontaneous heating.

iii) Coal stocks are consolidated by dozers to prevent oxidation of coal.