

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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FIRE IN NEYVELI LIGNITE MINE  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there was a major fire in one of the mines of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation recently ;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the losses incurred as a result thereof and the extent to which the mining operations have suffered; and
- (c) the steps taken to put out such fires and to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASH BAPU PATIL)

(a) & (b) There was a fire incident in Mine-II of Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) Limited on 07.02.2013 due to the failure of a 24 year old Power Transformer. The reasons for the fire was suspected to be an internal fault in the Power transformer, though there was no fault in the circuit. However, Mining Operations were not affected due to the fire as the load connected to the transformer was transferred to other transformers and operation resumed immediately.

(c) A study on assessing the residual life of transformers, which were in continuous service for more than 24 years, has been taken up to take suitable preventive action / replacement wherever necessary.