

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:357

ANSWERED ON:21.03.2013

CONNECTIVITY TO COAL IRON ORE MINES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have formulated any policy for providing rail connectivity to coal and iron ore mines across the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof along with the financial implications involved therein;
- (c) the roles of various stakeholders including the private sector as envisaged under the said policy;
- (d) the time frame set for implementation of the said policy; and
- (e) the other steps proposed to be taken by the Railways in this regard during the 12th Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.357 BY SHRI CHAUDHARY LAL SINGH AND SHRI MODUGULA VENUGOPALA REDDY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.03.2013 REGARDING RAIL CONNECTIVITY TO COAL/ IRON ORE MINES.

(a) to (e) Rail connectivity to Coal and Iron Ore mines is an ongoing activity on Indian Railways. Railways have formulated a new policy called "Policy for participative Models in Rail Connectivity and Capacity Augmentation Projects" which came into effect from 10.12.2012.

Five generic models for encouraging private investment have been offered under new policy which are (i) Non-Government Railway Model, (ii) Joint Venture Model, (iii) Railway Projects on Build Operate Transfer awarded through Competitive Bidding, (iv) Capacity Augmentation with funding provided by customers and (v) Capacity Augmentation-Annuity Model- in which State Governments, Local Bodies, Beneficial Industries, Ports, Large import and export companies, Co-operative Societies and other Body Corporate, Infrastructure and Logistics providers etc. can participate depending on the model that suits their business interests.

Under the 12th Plan Railways have laid a strong emphasis on capacity augmentation works like New Lines, Doubling, Gauge Conversion, Dedicated Freight Corridors etc. that would result in greater flexibility of operations to serve the coal, iron mines, industrial hubs etc. for lifting loads and run more freight trains.