

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF INFERIOR QUALITY OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether inferior quality of coal has been supplied to the various power plants in the Country at the rate of higher quality of coal including KPCL in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The coal companies of Coal India Limited (CIL) are supplying the requisite quality and quantity of coal to all power plants/stations including Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) in Karnataka, under Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA). In terms of FSA, joint sampling and analysis facilities at loading ends are provided to the power utilities for assessment of quality of coal at loading end jointly and thereby loading of proper quality coal to power companies is ensured and taken care of. As per provisions of FSA, the consumers are to make payment of coal bills as per the price list in accordance with the quality of coal so determined jointly by seller and purchaser at loading end. Besides these, power plants are compensated for the Stone/Boulders of (+) 250 mm size segregated at the unloading end after joint assessment as per terms of FSA.

As coal is heterogeneous in nature, it is possible that some extraneous material may go alongwith the coal, for which a provision for compensation for stones has been laid down in the Fuel Supply Agreements (FSAs) under which coal is being supplied. As per FSA, joint sampling & analysis at loading ends is also extended to the power plants and pricing done accordingly. In order to ensure improvement in the quality of coal, the following steps are being taken by the CIL:-

- i) Selective Mining by Surface Miners and adopting Clean Coal Technology;
- ii) Appropriate positioning of over burden and coal benches to avoid contamination;
- iii) Scrapping/cleaning of coal benches before blasting;
- iv) Installation of metal detectors/magnetic separators over conveyors before loading coal;
- v) High capacity coal handling plant to dispatch sized/uniform quality of coal at major projects;
- vi) Establishment of well-equipped laboratories at project site for regular quality assessment;
- vii) Shale picking at mine face, stock and loading points/sidings for consistent quality;
- viii) Installation of Auto Mechanical Samplers (AMS) at all silo loading points.