

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:872

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TRIBAL INTERESTS IGNORED IN COAL BLOCK ALLOCATION

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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that tribal interests were ignored by violating various laws related to tribal welfare while allotting coal blocks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the cases in which such violations took place, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government against the companies/individuals accountable for such violation to correct the situation and to protect the interests of tribals in such areas?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Captive coal blocks are allocated to eligible public/private companies registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 in pursuance of Section 3 of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973. After the allocation, allocatee company is required to seek various statutory clearances/approvals such as environment clearance, forest clearance including clearances under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.