

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3810  
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E AUCTION OF COAL  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether major hurdles are being witnessed in the supply of coal to small industry owing to e-Auction system introduced by the Coal India Limited;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is taking steps to ensure adequate coal supply to small industries by improving the e-Auction system; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) Coal is being supplied to the Small Scale Industries by Coal India Limited (CIL) through the following three means:

- (i) Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA)
- (ii) Nominated State Agencies for consumers whose requirement is less than 4200 tonnes/annum
- (iii) E-Auction .

No specific instance of major hurdles in the supply of coal to small industry has been brought to the notice.

(b)&(c) As per provisions of New Coal Distribution Policy (NCDP), CIL is selling about 10% of its coal production through e-auction of coal.