

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3972  
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DAMAGE TO MACHINES IN NCL  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that due to inefficiency and inexperience of the Management of the Northern Colliery Limited (NCL), Singrauli, the expensive machines have got damaged and are lying useless thereby hampering many of its projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, project- wise;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment of the total loss caused to the NCL due to damage of machines and their repairs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action taken against the guilty officers and the measures being taken by the government to ensure deployment of experts and professional managers in NCL to avoid such incidents in future?

**Answer**

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

(a) Due to mechanical failure and geological disturbances, the following two equipments were damaged in NCL:-

- (i) Dragline (Bajrang) of Nigahi Project – Damage occurred due to failure of boom assembly.
- (ii) Shovel (Vikas) of Khadia Project – Damage of machines have occurred due to hidden geological slip.

(b) The details of the breakdown are as follows:

(i) Dragline (Bajrang) of Nigahi Project broke down due to failure of Boom Assembly with super structure on 18.1.2014. The Boom Assembly and the superstructure was supplied and commissioned by Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC), Ranchi on Turn Key Basis in 2004.

(ii) Shovel (Vikas) at Khadia Project was damaged on 3/12/2013 due to the geological disturbance (Slip Plane) as some over burden material slid from the side wall resulting in some minor damage to the machine.

(c) & (d) N.C.L. Management has made assessment of the total loss caused to the NCL in respect of 'Vikas Shovel' at Khadia OCP. The production Loss is about 2000 Cu. mtr of Over Burden per day. The repairing cost is about Rs. 3.25 lakhs. The equipment is expected to be commissioned by 25.2.2014.

Regarding 'Bajrang' dragline in Nigahi OCP, investigation into the cause of failure has not been completed as yet. After completing it, the matter will be taken up with original equipment manufacturer/ Heavy Engineering Corporation.

(e) As these damages have occurred due to mechanical failure and geological disturbance no individual has been held responsible.