

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 401
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2018

Lignite Coal Production

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- the grade, quantity and value of lignite coal produced from various operational mines in Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited during the current year, and its value in international market;
- the total income earned during the above period;
- the measures taken by the Government to produce more quantity of high grade lignite coal from Neyveli coal mines;
- the total quantity and quality of coal supplied to the thermal power stations during the current year together with its performance in generation of power; and
- the other steps taken by the Government to provide adequate infrastructural logistic and technological facilities to NLC Limited?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (b): The grade, quantity, value of lignite coal produced and income earned from various operational mines in NLC India Limited (formerly Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited) during the current year (2018-19 up to November, 2018) are furnished below:

Name of Mines & State	Grade	Quantity (Lakh Tonnes)	Value (Domestic) Rupees Crores (Prov.)	Income Earned Rupees Crores
Mine-I, Tamilnadu	G-16	39.70	734.98	1,029.62
Mine-II, Tamilnadu	G-16	69.23	1283.29	1,566.87
Mine-IA, Tamilnadu	G-15	19.19	355.03	388.48
Barsinghsar, Rajasthan	G-16	07.14	63.36	76.12
Total				3,061.09

Since the total lignite produced is being used domestically by NLCIL's own pit head power stations and some quantity is sold in the domestic market for paper & cement industries, value of production in international market is not ascertainable.

(c): The grade of lignite produced by NLCIL ranges between G-15 to G-17. It is not possible to separate the high grade lignite exclusively from among these grades, mainly due to the inconsistent quality range within the lignite seam.

(d): The quantity of G 15 and G 16 grade lignite supplied to thermal power stations of NLCIL in Neyveli, Tamilnadu and Barsingsar, Rajasthan is 143.16 LT and to TAQA - IPP (Independent Power Producer) is 7.92 LT during 2018-19 (up to November, 2018).

(e): NLCIL is making investments in provision of logistical and technological infrastructure. The mining is carried out with mechanized Specialized Mining Equipments (SME) and Conventional Mining Equipments (CME). SME include continuous mining systems viz. Bucket Wheel Excavators for excavation, Conveyors for transportation and Spreader for dumping & stacking. CME consist of Shovels & Dumpers. Lignite mined out from NLCIL mines is being transported to the pit head power stations through mechanized system of high speed conveyors.

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