

- (c) if so, when and the rates thereof; and  
 (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) The Ankaleshwar field has been on oil and gas production since 1961. Balance recoverable reserves of 2,671 billion cubic mts of gas are established in the Ankaleshwar region.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Prices of natural gas are fixed by the Government, and are uniform from the entire country, except in the N-E region where concessional prices are given. Natural gas is being and would be, supplied at the rates contained in the pricing regime accounted by the Government from time to time.

#### Royalty on Coal

1941. SHRI LOKENDRA SINGH:  
 SHRI PYARELAL  
 KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) when the rates of royalty on coal found in Madhya Pradesh was last revised;  
 (b) whether the Government revise the rate of royalty once in three years;

(c) if so, the reasons for not revising the rate of royalty in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;

(d) the grade-wise sale price of coal found in Madhya Pradesh in 1981 and comparative increased sale price;

(e) the percentage of royalty on the sale price of coal at pit-head before 1957 and the present percentage; and

(f) the time by which the rates of royalty on coal are proposed to be revised?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI): (a) to (c). According to Section 9 (3) of the Mines & Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act 1957, Central Government may enhance rates of royalty on coal once in three years. The royalty on coal was last revised w.e.f. 13.2.1981. Thereafter it could not be revised in view of the problems posed by the imposition of very heavy Cess/levies on coal by some State Governments.

(d) Grade-wise basic price of coal mined in Madhya Pradesh during 1981 and 1991 is given in the statement- I given below.

(e) The percentage of royalty on sale price of coal in 1971 (as available) and 1991 is given in the statement- II given below.

(f) Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 does not lay down an outer time limit within which the royalty rates must be revised.

## STATEMENT-I

Grade	Basic price per tonne of coal in 1981			Basic price in 1990 (w.e.f 1.1.1989)		
	Ste.*	Sl.**	ROM***	Ste.*	Sl.**	ROM***
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Semi Coking</b>						
Gr-I	178	177	175	480	473	470
Gr-II	169	168	166	400	393	390
<b>Non-Coking Coal:</b>						
Gr-A	168	167	165	409	402	399
Gr-B	158	157	155	374	367	364
Gr-C	141	140	138	328	321	318
Gr-D	123	122	120	262	255	252
Gr-E	102	101	99	210	203	200
Gr-F	78	77	75	170	163	160

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Basic price per tonne of coal in 1981</b>				<b>Basic price in 1990 (w.e.f 1.1.1989)</b>				
	<b>Ste.*</b>	<b>Sl.**</b>	<b>ROM***</b>	<b>Ste.*</b>	<b>Sl.**</b>	<b>ROM***</b>	<b>Ste.*</b>	<b>Sl.**</b>	<b>ROM***</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>			
<b>Gr-G</b>	51	50	48	124	117	114			
<b>Non-Coking Coal Long Flame</b>									
<b>Ge-A</b>	-	-	-	434	427	424			
<b>Gr-B</b>	-	-	-	399	392	389			
<b>Gr-C</b>	-	-	-	353	346	343			
<b>Gr-D</b>	-	-	-	287	280	277			

## STATEMENT-II

*Percentage of royalty to the price of coal in 1971 and 1991*

<i>In 1971 Grade</i>	<i>FOR price (in Rs. per tonne)</i>	<i>Rate of royalty (in Rs.)</i>	<i>% of FOR price</i>
Selected Gr.	38.50	1.90	4.94%
Grade I	36.06	1.75	4.85%
Gr. II & III	34.03	1.70	5.00%

<i>In 1991 Grade</i>	<i>Basic price Rs. per tonne in 1990 Royalty</i>				<i>% of Royalty on Basic price</i>			
	<i>Ste.*</i>	<i>Sl.**</i>	<i>ROM***</i>	<i>in Rs. per tonne</i>	<i>Ste.*</i>	<i>Sl.**</i>	<i>ROM***</i>	
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Gr-I	480	473	470	6.50	1.35	1.37	1.38	
Gr-II	400	393	390	6.50	1.62	1.65	1.66	
<i>Non-Coking Coal</i>								
Gr-A	409	402	399	6.50	1.59	1.61	1.63	
Gr-B	374	367	364	6.50	1.74	1.77	1.79	
Gr-C	328	321	318	5.50	1.68	1.71	1.73	
Gr-D	262	255	252	4.30	1.64	1.69	1.71	
Gr-E	210	203	200	4.30	2.05	2.12	2.15	
Gr-F	170	163	160	2.50	1.47	1.53	1.56	
Gr-G	124	117	114	2.50	2.02	2.14	2.19	

<i>In 1991 Grade</i>	<i>Basic price Rs. per tonne in 1990 Royalty</i>				<i>% of Royalty on Basic price</i>			
	<i>Ste.*</i>	<i>Sl.**</i>	<i>ROM***</i>	<i>in Rs. per tonne</i>	<i>Ste.*</i>	<i>Sl.**</i>	<i>ROM***</i>	
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
<i>Long Flame Coal</i>								
Gr-A	434	427	424	6.50	4.50	4.52	4.53	
Gr-B	399	392	389	6.50	1.63	1.66	1.67	
Gr-C	353	346	343	5.50	1.56	1.59	1.60	
Gr-D	287	280	277	4.30	1.50	1.54	1.55	

\*Steam coal and Rubble.

\*\*Slack coal and Washery middlings.

\*\*\*Run of Mine Coal.