

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3897
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2019**

Singareni Coal Field

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to extract coal in future from Singareni coal fields in Telangana State;
- (b) whether the Government has reviewed demand and supply of coal for various requirements in Telangana and its export to generate revenue and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to protect the lives of coal employees in Singareni Coal fields while working in tunnels and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of workers died and compensation paid to their families due to mishap in coal fields during the last three years and the current year?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a): In order to extract coal in future, Singareni Coal companies Limited (SCCL) has planned to open 12 additional coal mines (11 opencast mines + 1 underground Mine) in the next five years in Telangana State.

(b): SCCL demand and supply of coal to Telangana State for the FY 2019-20 (up to 10.7.2019) is given below:

(Quantity in lakh

tonne)

| Sector | Annual Demand (FSA/MOU) | Progressive demand | Progressive Supply |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Power | 316.40 | 87.55 | 84.51 |
| Non Power | 94.00 | 23.5 | 17.63 |
| Total | 410.40 | 111.05 | 102.14 |

At present, there is no plan to export coal out of the country from Telangana.

(c): SCCL is taking the following steps to protect the lives of the employees while working in tunnels:

- I. Before starting the drivage of the tunnels, the rock types of the area/locality is thoroughly studied by the Exploration department and a report is prepared detailing the method to be followed for drivage of tunnels. A plan is also prepared for the same.
- II. Roof and sides are well supported with permanent structures like iron girders, concrete

lining etc.

III. Good ventilation is provided by efficiently operated auxiliary fans.

IV. While the tunnels drivage is in progress suitable gradient is maintained for smooth operation of machines such as LHDs/SDLs etc.

V. Controlled blasting techniques are adopted to minimize the effect on roof and sides.

VI. Exclusive supervisory staff is engaged for tunneling works for ensuring the safety of the workers.

(d): Number of workers died and compensation paid in SCCL mines during the last three years is furnished below:

| Sl. no. | year | No of workers died in coal mines | Amount of compensation paid to their families (Rs. lakh) |
|---------|-------|----------------------------------|---|
| 1 | 2016 | 12 | 143.01 |
| 2 | 2017 | 12 | 124.82 |
| 3 | 2018 | 07 | 93.04 |
| 4 | 2019* | 05 | 59.63 |

*UP TO JUNE 2019
