## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OFCOAL RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO26.07.2010 ANSWERED ON

**BAN ON COAL MINING.** 

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT COAL be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the Ministry of Environment and Forests has put a ban on the mining of coal and if so, the areas where mining has been banned;
- (b) whether the Ministry has the figures, about the contribution of coal in power generation in the country and the likely loss power sector would have to bear due to such ban; and
- (c) whether the Ministry is taking initiative to lift such ban?

## **ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL & MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): As on 30th June, 2010, the total power generation capacity of the country was 1,62,367 MW. Out of this, 86,003 MW (53%) is coal based. As of now, there is no ban, therefore, question of likely loss does not arise.
- (c): Does not arise in view of the answer given in part (a) of the question.