

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *8
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025**

Mines opening permission module through the SWCS portal

***8. DR. DINESH SHARMA:**

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the plan of Government to effectively implement the Single Window Clearance System (SWCS) portal; and
- (b) the steps being taken to accelerate coal production through the digital transformation of mining approval processes?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COAL & MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. *8 for answer on 03.02.2025 asked by Dr. Dinesh Sharma regarding “Mines opening permission module through the SWCS portal”:

(a) Ministry of Coal has launched the Single Window Clearance System (SWCS) portal to streamline and expedite the approval process for coal mining projects. As part of this initiative, the approvals issued by the Ministry of Coal, including the ‘*Mining Plan*’ and ‘*Mine Opening Permission*’ have been fully digitized for end-to-end online processing.

Additionally, integration with Parivesh 1.0 portal of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) was successfully completed for obtaining Environmental Clearance (EC), Forest Clearance (FC), and Wildlife Clearance (WL). Following the portal's upgradation to Parivesh 2.0, the integration with SWCS has been finalized and the same is being implemented.

The SWCS portal will facilitate the processing of various other clearances required from Central and State Authorities for early operationalization of coal blocks.

(b) To accelerate coal production, the Ministry of Coal is monitoring production monthly and addressing issues with relevant authorities. As part of its digital transformation, the Ministry has fully digitized its approval processes for the ‘*Mining Plan*’ and ‘*Mine Opening Permission*’ which are being issued by the Ministry of Coal. This digital approach significantly reduces delays and enhances coordination among stakeholders, thereby speeding up coal production.
