### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF MINES

#### RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 121 #

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## MINE OPENING PERMISSION MODULE ON THE SINGLE WINDOW CLEARANCE SYSTEM PORTAL

#### 121 # SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which Government aims to ensure effective execution of Single Window Clearance System (SWCS) portal for clearance of mines;
- (b) the measures being implemented by Government to accelerate coal production by ensuring digital transformation of mine approval processes; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

# THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) As per the information received from the Ministry of Coal, they have 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) & (c) 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 it's 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.

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