

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3136
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2017**

Coal Prices

3136. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the coal prices fixed by the Coal India Limited (CIL) are significantly higher than the implicit cost of mining by the independent power producers; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL,
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(a) & (b) : Fixing the price of coal is not within the domain of the Government. Pricing is an operational decision of Coal India Limited and the Government does not play any role in it. After complete decontrol of coal prices w.e.f. 01.01.2000, Coal India Limited (CIL) fixes the basic price of coal produced by CIL and its subsidiary companies. The coal companies determine the price based on input costs, inflation index, market trends etc.

As regards comparison of coal prices fixed by CIL and the implicit cost of mining by the independent power producers, no such information is available with CIL.
