

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6100
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2018**

Funds for Welfare Activities in Coal Field Areas

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of coal extracted from coal mines in West Bengal during 2016-2017 and amount of fund sanctioned/spent for welfare of such mine areas by way of resisting soil erosion etc. for the facility of the people of coal region of West Bengal; and
- (b) whether there is any special scheme in 2017-2018 for such welfare activities in coal field areas and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a): Some coal mines of Eastern Coalfield Ltd.(ECL) and Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.(BCCL) are situated in West Bengal. Production of coal in West Bengal during 2016-17 was 27.025 Million Tonnes.

ECL spent an amount of Rs. 5.29 crore against a sanctioned budget of Rs. 5.42 crore for welfare of workers of mine areas and facilities of the people of coal region of West Bengal during 2016-17. Further, an amount of Rs. 74.00 Lakhs was spent in 2016-17 for tree plantation by way of resisting soil erosion etc. in mining areas of ECL which lies in the state of West Bengal

In respect of BCCL, Rs. 4.26 lakhs was spent in West Bengal under the head 'Environment Expenses' which includes plantation.

(b): Undertaking of Welfare activities by Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries in the coal field areas is a continuous process and schemes as applicable to whole of the company is applied in case of mines of West Bengal also.

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