

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 714
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2018
Ban on the use of Coal as Daily Fuel

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Will the **MINISTER OF COAL** be pleased to state:

- a. whether the Government is aware that the citizens are using coal as daily fuel;
- b. if so, whether the Government proposes to make any rules to ban the use of coal as daily fuel;
- c. if so, the details thereof;
- d. if not, the reasons therefor;
- e. the measures being taken by the Government to check coal pilferage; and
- f. if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): The information related to use of coal as daily fuel is not maintained at the central level.

(b) to (d): Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.

(e)&(f): Coal companies are working in close coordination with the State/local Administration to prevent theft/pilferage of coal. Various measures taken by the coal companies to check such theft/pilferage of coal are as follows.

- i) Check posts have been established at entry / exit points where all coal laden vehicles are physically checked.
- ii) Security at coal dumps are improved by wall fencing, proper illumination and round the clock guarding.
- iii) Regular patrolling is conducted in and around the mine including OB dumps.
- iv) Armed Guards have been deployed at Railway sidings.
- v) Joint patrolling with local police is also being carried out in areas.
- vi) Surprise checks / raids are conducted by flying squads of CISF/security department.
- vii) Security squads have been introduced to check transportation of coal en route to Railway Siding.
- viii) Surprise re-weighment of coal laden trucks is done, at weighbridges.
- ix) Escorting of coal rakes in coordination with RPF up to weighbridge, is arranged in pilferage prone areas.
- x) Challans for coal transportation by trucks outside the district are being issued after fixing hologram and putting signatures of authorized officials of CISF to check pilferage.

- xi) Regular FIRs are lodged by the Management of the collieries and CISF with local Thana against the pilferage/theft of coal. A close watch on the activities of criminals is being maintained by CISF.
- xii) Inter-action and liaison with District officials at regular intervals and holding meeting with DC & District Administration.
- xiii) Technology initiatives like Global Positioning System (GPS)/ General Packet Radio Service (GPRS)/ Closed Circuit Televisions (CCTVs) and electronic weigh-bridges have been installed to check the problem of theft/pilferage at mines, sidings and transportation. The E-surveillance programme through use of Information Technology is being implemented.
