

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 81
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2018

Coal Production

81. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

- (a) the quantity of coal produced by the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC) from various operational mines during the last three years and its value in rupee;
- (b) the income earned by NLC during the corresponding period and the funds allocated by the Government for welfare/ development of their employees and people/area around it;
- (c) whether the Government has designed any mechanism to provide adequate machinery and manpower support for exploitation of all the coal mines of NLC; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the quantity and value of coal expected to be produced during the next three years?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COAL, FINANCE AND CORPORATE
AFFAIRS**

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): At present only lignite mines are operated by NLC India Limited (NLCIL). The total quantity of Lignite produced by NLCIL from various operational mines (three Lignite Mines at Neyveli, Tamilnadu and one Lignite Mine at Barsingsar, Rajasthan) during the last three years and corresponding value of Lignite produced is given below :

Year	Lignite Production in Lakh Tonnes (LT)	Value of Lignite produced in Rupees Crore
2015-16	254.51	5700.00
2016-17	276.17	6994.85
2017-18	251.53	5515.76

(b): NLCIL is an integrated company and most of its lignite produced is used for captive consumption in its lignite fired thermal power plants. A small quantity of raw lignite is being sold to meet the requirement of surrounding small scale industries and lignite is supplied to an Independent Power Producer (250 MW) by way of a Fuel Supply Agreement. NLCIL earns most of its revenue from the sale of power generated in its power plants.

The total income earned by NLCIL during the last three years is given below:

(Rs Cr.)

Year	Total revenue	Profit Before tax	Profit After Tax
2015-16	7177.20	1856.07	228.00
2016-17	9327.16	3027.56	2368.81
2017-18	9083.05	2689.70	1848.78

No specific funds are allocated from Government, however being a profitable PSU, it spends for the upliftment of surrounding villages under Corporate Social Responsibility scheme, as per Department of Public Enterprises guidelines. In this regard, during 2017-18, NLCIL has spent Rs. 43.59 cr. which is 2.36% of Profit After Tax.

(c & d): In all three NLCIL Lignite Mines at Neyveli, Tamil Nadu, mechanized SME (Specialized Mining Equipments) and CME (Conventional Mining Equipments) technology is used for the production capacity as envisaged in the approved Mining Plan. In Barsingsar Lignite Mine at Rajasthan, mining is done with CME technology. All the operating Mines of NLCIL are provided with adequate machinery as well as manpower for supporting the exploitation of Lignite.

The total quantity of Lignite production expected in the next three years and value of Lignite is as follows:

Year	Lignite Production anticipated (LT)	Projected Value of Lignite Production (Rs Cr.)
2018-19	246.90	5063.12
2019-20	268.60	5569.21
2020-21	268.60	5541.26

Budget Estimates Figures for 2018-19 and proposed targets for 2019-20 and 2020-21 have been considered for production of Lignite. Value of Production has been arrived at based on average value of power tariff and lignite price of 2017-18.

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