

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.406
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2018**

Coal Linkage

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SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government at present to rationalise coal linkage;
- (b) whether CIL has streamlined the coal linkage sources of public sector power plants at present;
- (c) if so, the benefit derived by the Government due to it; and
- (d) the cost incurred in washing coal in public sector power plants at present including the details thereof State-wise, plant-wise for the past three years?

ANSWER

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

(a): Rationalization of Coal Linkage: An Inter-Ministerial Task Force (IMTF) was constituted in June, 2014 to undertake a comprehensive review of existing sources of coal with a view to optimize transportation cost and materialization under the given technical constraints. The linkage rationalization for State/Central PSUs was implemented initially, based on IMTF recommendation and carried forward by Coal India Limited (CIL)/Singareni Collieries Company Limited(SCCL) based on coal availability and requests of public sector Power Plants. Policy for Linkage rationalization for Independent Power Producers (IPPs) has been issued on 15.05.2018.

(b) & (c): CIL has rationalized sources (subsidiary company-wise) based on the request of public sector power plants with a view to optimize the transportation cost and materialization taking into account coal availability and logistics. Overall movement rationalization of 61.08 Million Tonnes (MT) of coal has taken place with annual potential savings of Rs. 3,651 Crore.

(d) The average processing cost incurred in washing coal by CIL for public sector power plants at present including the details thereof State-wise, plant-wise for the past three years is as under:

CIL:

Cost of washing (in Rs per tonne)				
Subsidiary - State	Non-coking Coal washeries	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Jharkhand	CCL	307.15	175.62	157.21
Uttar Pradesh	NCL, Bina Deshaling Plant	76.88	24.63	43.98

SCCL:

Cost of washing (in Rs per tonne)				
Company - State	Coal washeries	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
SCCL-Telangana	MNG	280.40	333.43	258.63
	RG II	290.70	270.19	-
	RKP	186.98	150.93	163.51

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