

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1552
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

Third Party Sampling of Coal Grade

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Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Third Party Sampling is done by Coal India and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the conspiracy by this Third Party to analysis/show high grade coal as coal of low grade and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to overcome the losses being incurred to coal India due to its high grade coal being shown as low grade; and
- (d) whether the Government is initiating a high level inquiry into this Mega Scam and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): To address the concerns of the consumers regarding coal quality, a Standard Operating Procedure for Third Party Sampling & Analysis of coal at the loading end was issued by Ministry of Coal on 26.11.2015. Sampling of coal is conducted through Independent Third Party Sampling Agencies (TPSAs). Coal India Limited is also conducting Third Party Sampling of coal through Independent TPSAs.

(b) to (d): Ministry of Coal is not aware of any such conspiracy to show high grade coal as coal of low grade.
