

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2569
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Evaluation of Mines

2569. Smt. D K Aruna:
Shri Suresh Kumar Shetkar:
Shri Eatala Rajender:

Will the Minister of **COAL** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a comprehensive policy framework to evaluate and rate mines based on various parameters and promote transparency, accountability and competition among coal/lignite producers and also champions best practices in environmental management, safety and operational efficiency and also the performances of the mines are assessed on the basis of several modules; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Telangana?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): The Ministry of Coal has issued the Star Rating Policy on March 7, 2019, which was implemented from the financial year 2018-19. This policy aims to evaluate all operating coal and lignite mines based on their performance in complying with rules and regulations related to safety, environmental standards, rehabilitation of project-affected families, worker welfare, adoption of best mining practices, use of the latest and safest technologies, and economic performance.

A web portal with seven modules was developed to cover various evaluation parameters. The participating mines are awarded Star Rating ranging from No Star to Five Stars based on the self-evaluation by the mines, followed by validation by Coal Controller Organization (CCO). This policy fosters competitiveness among all operating coal and lignite mines in a transparent manner.

(b): The Star Rating of the coal mines from financial years 2018-19 to 2022-23 have been completed and awards were also distributed to Star rated mines. All lignite and coal mines of Coal Bearing States including Chhattisgarh and Telangana are participating in Star Rating. However, no lignite or coal mine of Andhra Pradesh have participated so far.
