## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COAL LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3189 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025

### **Single Window Clearance System Portal**

#### 3189. SHRI K GOPINATH:

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

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to effectively implement the Single Window Clearance System (SWCS) portal; and
- (b) the steps being taken to accelerate coal production through the digital transformation of mining approval processes?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF COAL & MINES (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) Ministry of Coal has launched the Single Window Clearance System (SWCS) portal to streamline and expedite the approval process for coal mining projects. As part of this initiative, the approvals issued by the Ministry of Coal, including the 'Mining Plan' and 'Mine Opening Permission' have been fully digitized for end-to-end online processing.

Additionally, integration with Parivesh 1.0 portal of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) was successfully completed for obtaining Environmental Clearance (EC), Forest Clearance (FC), and Wildlife Clearance (WL). Following the portal's upgradation to Parivesh 2.0, the integration with SWCS has been finalized and the same is being implemented.

The SWCS portal aims to facilitate the processing of various other clearances required from Central and State Authorities for early operationalization of coal blocks.

(b) To accelerate coal production, the Ministry of Coal is monitoring production on monthly basis and assisting in resolving issues with the relevant authorities. As part of its digital transformation, the Ministry has fully digitized it's approval processes for the 'Mining Plan' and 'Mine Opening Permission'. This digital approach significantly reduces delays and enhances coordination amongst stakeholders, thereby eventually speeding up coal production.

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