

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding allotment of Coal Mine or subsidization of Coal for Local manufacturers in Piduguralla.

SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU (NARASARAOPET): Thank you, hon. Speaker, Sir.

Sir, Piduguralla, which is in Palnadu area located on Guntur-Hyderabad Highway, is popularly known as the Lime City as it is the hub of the limestone industry. Since 1995, the industry has been facing a lot of crisis. But due to pandemic and also due to the recent Ukraine crisis, this whole issue has been blown out of proportion.

A tonne of coal used to cost Rs. 11,200 but now, the cost has increased to almost Rs. 14,700. In 2020, the cost of petcock was just around Rs. 8,500 per tonne.

Now, it has shot up to almost Rs. 18,500 per tonne. The availability of coal and pet coke has also become a major issue. According to the manufacturers, they are losing around Rs. 400-500 per tonne in the manufacture of lime powder.

So, respected Sir, through you, I would request the Minister of Coal to either allocate coal or subsidise coal for the local manufacturers in Piduguralla so that they will also become competitive across the country. This is also a part of Atmanirbhar Bharat. So, I hope the Minister will take this in a positive way.

Thank you very much.