

Distribution of Coal

1675. SHRI GABHAJI MANGAJI THAKORE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have introduced free distribution of coal in the country and allowed private sector in this vital commodity under the new distribution scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to issue new licenses under the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the current rates of each quality of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT PANJA):

(a) to (d). Coal is supplies to actual users, against the linkage/sponsorship or both. This coal is not available for resale under the provisions of the Colliery Control Order, 1945. However in order to further improve the availability of coal, Coal is also sold under a Liberalised Sale Scheme (LSS). This coal is free from statutory controls.

Recently the Liberalised Sale Scheme (LSS) has been further improved to extend the benefits to a large cross section of buyers. Interested buyers under 'LSS' have

been categorised as under:

1. Actual users
2. Mini Traders
3. Whole Sale Traders
4. General

First preference in order booking and despatches under Liberalised Sale Scheme would be give to actual users who can draw coal for their own use in addition to the normal supplies being received by them against sponsorships/linkages. Second preference would given to the Mini Traders registered with coal companies. CIL have given wide publicity inviting application for registration as Mini Traders. They will be registered on a continuous basis. Application received upto 14.08.1993 would be registered in the first batch. The Mini Traders would be supplied coal upto 100 tonnes per month subject to availability after meeting the orders booked by actual users. Third preference would be given to the Whole Sale Traders appointed by the coal companies subject to availability after meeting orders booked by the first two categories. If some quantity is still available, it would be allocated to other interested buyers.

(e) Current rates for different grades of coal as notified with effect from 19.6.1993 are given in the attached Statement

STATEMENT

Statement showing gradewise current prices of coal produced by Coal India limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) effective from 19th June, 1993

(I) Coking, Semi-Coking and Weakly Coking Coals produced in Coal India Limited.

(Rs. Per tonne)

Steel Grade I	996.00
Steel Grade II	831.00
Washery Grade I	720.00

(Rs. Per tonne)

Washery Gradell	597.00
Washery Grade III	459.00
Washery IV	428.00
Semi-Coking Grade I	720.00
Semi-Coking Grade II	597.00

(II) Non-Coking Coal produced in Coal India Limited.

Long flame coal

Grade A	635.00
Grade B	582.00
Grade C	512.00
Grade D	411.00

Other than long flame coal

Grade A	610.00
Grade B	557.00
Grade C	487.00
Grade D	386.00
Grade E	306.00
Grade F	244.00
Grade G	174.00

(III) Coal produced in SCCL (Andhra Pradesh)

Grade C	602.00
Grade D	530.00
Grade E	436.00
Grade F	358.00
Grade G	262.00

Note :- Prices indicated are for run of mine (ROM) Coal.