

[Translation]

Coal Depots of BCCL

596. SHRI AJIT JOGI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the location-wise number of centralised coal depots of Bharat Coking Coal Limited and the expenditure incurred in setting up of these depots;

(b) the purpose of setting up these depots;

(c) the annual transportation capacity of each of these depots;

(d) whether these depots are functioning as per their capacity;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the per tonne unloading charges realised on the coal sold by these depots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY) : (a) Location-wise centralised coal depots of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., and the expenditure incurred in setting up of these depots are as under:

Name of dump	Location	Cost Incurred (Rs. in Lakhs)
Katras Depot	Katras Area	122.88
Ramkrishna Depot	C.V. Area	46.42
W.Mudidih Depot	Katras Area	8.80
E. Basseria Depot	Kusunda Area	197.64
Alakdiha Depot	Bastacola Area	159.55

(b) The objective of setting up of centralised coal depots in BCCL envisaged that all road despatches to road sale consumers would be effective from the depots which are situated strategically near to the collieries thus restricting entry of road sale consumers to the colliery premises.

(c) Transport/despatch capacity of each of the depots are as follows:

Name of Dump	Transport/despatch capacity per annum.
Katras Depot	3,84,000 tonnes
Ramkrishna Depot	1,38,500 tonnes
W.Mudidih Depot	1,86,500 tonnes
E.Basseria Depot	7,20,000 tonnes
Alakdiha Depot	9,12,000 tonnes

(d) Coal India Limited have reported that two coal depots namely E. Basseria and Alakdiha depots are not functioning only Katras, Ramkrishna and W.Mudidih Depots are functioning but not at their installed capacities.

(e) Details of despatches made through these Depots during the last three years are as follows:

Depot	1997-98	1996-97	1995-96
Katras	6614	26388	170407
Ramkrishna	195059	183197	127934
W. Mudidih	156807	187800	270105

(f) No unloading charges is realised by these depots. However, BCCL is charging dump/service charges. These were revised from time to time. The current dump/service charge is Rs.80 per tonne.

[English]

Profit/loss of Nationalised Banks

597. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the profit/losses incurred by each Nationalised Banks during each of the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken and time bound programmes formulated by the Government to make the loss making Banks profitable and efficient?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBURM.R. JANARATHANAN) : (a) The profit/loss incurred by each of the nationalised banks during each of the last three years, i.e. 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 is given in the Statement enclosed.

(b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)/Government have been taking/taken the following measures to ensure that banks do not incur losses:

(i) RBI holds annual discussions on various performance parameters with the top Executives of Nationalised Banks to review their performance against various parameters and *vis-a-vis* the commitments for performance made earlier. Banks also commit to attain higher levels of business and performance to improve profitability, recovery of NPAs, tone up housekeeping and staff productivity.

(ii) With the introduction of prudential norms, banks