

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:95  
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2001  
FIRE IN SYAL MOR SAUDHADEEH COLLIERIES OF CCL IN BIHAR  
DUKHA BHAGAT

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

- (a): whether there has been a fire in Syal Mor Sauthadeeh Colliery in the Hazaribagh in Bihar in Central Coalfields Limited(CCL) during the last six months;
- (b): whether the life of about ten thousand people has become unsafe;
- (c): whether no action has so far been taken by the Director General Mines Safety and the Central Coalfields Limited;
- (d): if so, the steps taken or propose to be taken to extinguish the fire and to save the life and property of those people;
- (e): whether any action has been taken against the responsible officials; and
- (f): if so, the results achieved thereby?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

- (a): Yes, Sir. Smoke was found coming out from edge of old Quarry No. 3 outcrop of Argada seam.
- (b): No, Sir. Fire has been controlled.
- (c): Action has been taken by CCL. Fire has been covered by dozing the area. At present there is no fire in the abandoned quarry No.3 of Bhurkunda colliery. Further about 500 M3 O.B. / Matti has been dumped over dozed area to seal the site of fire completely.
- (d): Action already taken as per reply to question(c) above.
- (e): No official has been held responsible for the fire. Fire was due to spontaneous heating.
- (f): Fire has been controlled.