

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6232
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SURPLUS MINING BLOCKS TO PRIVATE ENTREPRENEURS
KAMAL NATH;RAGHURAJ SINGH SHAKYA

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Coal India Ltd. has been criticised for not handing over surplus mining blocks to the private entrepreneurs;
- (b) if so, whether to sustain the projected coal production in the next few years, the Government propose to handover surplus mining blocks to the private entrepreneurs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the further reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) to (d): Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries have identified 121 blocks/sub-blocks and Singareni Collieries Company Limited has identified 7 blocks, totally 128 blocks, for allocation to public/private sector for captive mining. While out of the above blocks 27 blocks have been allotted so far, mining of coal has started in 4 blocks.