

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL AND MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4360  
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INCREASE IN SALE PRICES (RUN OF MINE) OF COAL  
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**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of times, Sale Prices (Run of Mines) of Coal have been increased since last Royalty notification of October 1994 till date;
- (b) the percentage of whole sale price increase of coal during the said period;
- (c) the prices of run of mine (ROM) coal at different points of time of various subsidiaries of C.I.L. and other companies like Singareni Coal Company of different grades of coal between the revision of royalty on coal in October, 1994 and till date alongwith the details of percentage of change of price of different grades of coal;
- (d) the percentage of change of whole sale price index of all commodities during the said period;
- (e) whether percentage change of royalty is much less than the percentage change of whole sale price of coal and whole sale price index change of all companies; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (KUMARI UMA BHARATI):

- (a) The number of revisions of coal prices of the coal companies of Coal India Ltd (CIL) and Singareni Colliery Company Limited (SCCL) during the period October, 1994 till date are as follows:

**STATEMENT**

Sl.No.	Name of Coal Companies	Number of Revision
1.	Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL)	10 times
2.	Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL)	8 Times
3.	Central Coalfields Limited (CCL)	9 times
4.	Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL)	6 times
5.	Western Coalfields Limited (WCL)	9 times
6.	South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL)	7 times
7.	Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL)	7 times
8.	North Eastern Coalfields (NEC)	3 times
9.	Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL)	8 times

- (b) The percentage of average wholesale price increase in coal during the said period was about 568%
- (c) The Prices of run of mine (ROM) coal at different points of time of various subsidiaries of CIL and SCCL of different grades of coal between the revision of royalty on coal in October, 1994 and the last revision on 16.8.2002 with percentage change of price of different grades of coal are given in the Statement enclosed
- (d) The percentage change of wholesale price index of all commodities during the said period was 46.86%.
- (e) and (f) The percentage change in royalty on coal between 1994 and 2002 ranges from 21% to 30% for different grades of Coal. The increase in royalty has been arrived at after balancing conflicting interests taking, inter alia, into account its impact on the economy, the increase in income to the producing states, the capacity of the major consuming sectors like power, iron and steel, cement etc. To withstand the increase, the financial health of the coal companies and the competition from imported coal etc.

