

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3622
ANSWERED ON:19.08.2003
UPROOTING OF BANIAN TREES FROM SITES OF SECL PROJECT
PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of the Banian trees uprooted from sites of South Eastern Coalfields Limited project, Laxman project and other projects of Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the number of such trees planted at other places and along the office sites under the mine areas and details of the expenditure incurred thereon;
- (c) the number of trees which dried up even after spending so much money on them; and
- (d) the action taken so far against the officers responsible for causing loss to the Government on this account?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL) :

- (a) There is only one case of uprooting of a banian tree at Laxman opencast project of South Eastern Coalfields Limited.
- (b) The tree so uprooted has been transplanted by using departmental labour at no extra cost.
- (c) The transplanted tree has not dried up.
- (d) Does not arise in view of reply at (b) & (c) above.