

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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COAL LINKAGE TO NCCF
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of coal lifted by National Cooperative Consumers Federation of India Limited (NCCF) during the current financial year for onward distribution and sale;
- (b) the details of agencies purchasing coal from NCCF;
- (c) the price at which the said coal was purchased and later sold by NCCF;
- (d) whether complaints have been received regarding the sale of the said coal in black market by NCCF;
- (e) if so, whether these complaints have been investigated;
- (f) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (g) the objectives for allocating coal to NCCF for onward sale;
- (h) whether the said objectives have been achieved; and
- (i) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

- (a) : National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited (NCCF) has lifted 2.55 lakhs MTs of coal during the period from March 2005 to October 2005.
- (b) : NCCF has informed that coal is sold by them directly to SSI Units and small/tiny consumers in the non- core sector identified by the State Government(s) concerned.
- (c) : NCCF purchased coal from coal companies at floor price i.e. 20% above the notified price. The sale price is fixed by NCCF after adding 5% margin on basic price, in addition to statutory levies and other incidentals.
- (d) to (f) : Some complaints have been received in this regard in the Government. These complaints were investigated and investigation Report is under examination in the Ministry of Coal.
- (g) : The objective of allocating coal to NCCF is to enable it to distribute coal to very small and tiny consumers who do not have linkage or sponsorship and find it difficult to approach directly coal companies to meet their requirements of coal.
- (h) : The NCCF has informed that the distribution of coal has been satisfactory in the States identified for the purpose.
- (i) : Does not arise.