

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3554
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ALLOCATION OF COAL TO PRIVATE PLAYERS
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has proposed to make some changes in the allocation of coal blocks to private companies/ agencies captive mining ; and

(b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

Answer

PRIME MINISTER (DR. MANMOHAN SINGH)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : With a view to bringing greater transparency introduction of competitive bidding for allocation of coal blocks to Indian companies for their captive use in the permitted sectors is under examination.