

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2085
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2005
EXPERT COMMITTEE ON COAL SECTOR
Mandal Shri Sanat Kumar

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted any Expert Committee to carry out a continuous and comprehensive review of the coal sector in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the composition and terms of reference of the Committee ;
- (c) the action, if any, taken by the Committee so far; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Government for the development of coal sector ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government have set up an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri T.L. Shankar to review the functioning of coal sector in the country. The terms of reference of the Expert Committee are as under :-

- i) Measures for meeting the demand-supply gap in coal in the short, medium and long-term,
- ii) Measures to improve productivity of man and machinery in Indian Coal Sector, particularly in Coal India,
- iii) Introduction of cutting edge technology.
- iv) Measures to convert Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited (CMPDI) into a Center of Excellence for Planning and Research in coal sector.
- v) Restructuring of CIL to make it a World class company,
- vi) Other matters that the committee may consider important for the general improvement in the functioning of the Coal Sector,
- vii) Examining the merits of opening up trading in coal,
- viii) Examining the current policy of captive coal mining and considering recommendations which might reduce the demand-supply gap.
- ix) Examination of major recommendations suggested by M/s KPMCI Consultancy Pvt. Ltd. Other members of the committee are as under:-
 - i) Dr. J.J. Irani, Director, TATA
 - ii) Shri P.K. Sen Gupta, former Chairman, Coal India Limited
 - iii) Shri P.V. Sridharan, Sr. Visiting Fellow, The Bnergy and Resources Institute (TER1) :
 - iv) Shri S.K.. Mahajan, former Adviser, Planning Commission.
 - v) Shri S.P. Sethi, Adviser (Energy), Planning Commission.
 - vi) Shri Pradeep Kumar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal,
 - vii) Member Secretary of the Committee.

(c)&(d) : The Committee has met various stakeholders and held discussion with them. It has also invited suggestions from the interested and the concerned by inserting an advertisement to this effect in the national dailies. The Committee is expected to submit its first report shortly.