

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2115  
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PROCUREMENT OF COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS ON HIRE BASIS  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiary companies have procured computers and peripherals on hire basis;
- (b) if so the details thereof alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon ;
- (c) whether purchase of computer peripherals would have been economical than obtaining them on hire basis; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The details of expenditure incurred during 2004-05 are as follows :

Rs. in lakhs	
Company	Expenditure
Coal India Limited (Head quarters)	68.47
Eastern Coalfields Limited	288.14
Bharat Coking Coal Limited	366.08
Central Coalfields Limited	312.59
Western Coalfields Limited	176.70
South Eastern Coalfields Limited	397.47
Mahanadi Coalfields Limited	165.00
Northern Coalfields Limited	34.70
North-Eastern Coalfields	3.78
Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited	154.34

(c)&(d) As per information furnished by CIL, hiring turns out to be economical than purchase due to fast development in computer technology, fast obsolescence of models, availability of maintenance support and higher machine up time even in remote locations in coalfield areas.