

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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COAL WASHERIES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of coal washeries functioning at present and the annual expenditure incurred for running the washeries;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to construct coal washeries to improve the quality of the coal produced in the country; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to produce more quantity of high grade coal in the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

a): The list of washeries functioning at present in CIL and the Annual expenditure incurred for running the washeries during the last year 2013-14 is given below:-

(Fig. in Rs lakhs)

Company	Name of the Washery	Capacity(MTY)	2013-14 Actual Expend.
BCCIL			
(08 Washeries)	Dugda-I	1.00	3556
	Dugda-II	2.00	7427
	Bhojudih	1.70	12116
	Paterdih	1.60	4131
	Sudamdih	1.60	6970
	Moonidih	1.60	3821
	Mohuda	0.63	4067
	Madhuban	2.50	6412
	Sub-total	12.63	48500
CCL			
(07 Washeries)	Kathara	3.00	8804
	Swang	0.75	4612
	Rajrapa	3.00	10804
	Kedla	2.60	7418
	Kargali	2.72	9041
	Gidi	2.50	6736
	Piparwar	6.50	12979
	Sub-total	21.07	60392
WCL			
(01 Washery)	Nandan	1.20	3260
	Grand Total	34.90	112152

Further washeries functioning at present in other public sector and private sector is given in Annexure.

(b) : Coal India Limited (CIL) has envisaged setting up 16 new washeries of total capacity of 100.6 mty in different subsidiaries. Further, it was also decided that all new opencast projects of 2.5 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) capacity and above will be integrated with washeries. Government has directed CIL to ensure that the directives of Ministry of Environment & Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) vide their notification dated 2/1/2014 are complied with for supplying coal of not more than 34% ash for thermal power stations located beyond 750 kms. from pithead w.e.f. 1/1/2015 and that located beyond 500 kms. from pithead w.e.f. 5/6/2016.

(c) : Indian coals are of high ash content. However, to ensure consistency in quality of coal being supplied, Government has directed coal companies to strengthen the crushing capacities and set up washeries to comply with the stipulations of MoEF& CC as mentioned in reply to Part

(b) above. Further to improve the quality of coal following measures are being taken by coal companies:

i) Selective mining of waste bands of 1 meter thickness by introduction of more and more surface miners.

ii) Scrapping / cleaning of coal benches before blasting.

iii) Picking of extraneous material / stone / shale at mine face, stocks and loading points / sidings.