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Title : Alleged instruction by Ministry of Coal to PSU, especially Mahanadi Coal Field Limited to stop providing job to land oustees.

SHRI B. MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government, through you, to a very urgent matter of public importance.

Sir, it is learnt that the Union Coal Ministry has sent a directive to stop providing jobs to land oustees with immediate effect. As a result of this, no jobs will lead to no land and no land will lead to no coal. Mahanadhi Coal Field Limited is the major coal supplier to most of the power plants in the country. Now it finds itself in a tight spot. According to one source, right now there are 8,000 job proposals pending with MCL for final approval after being processed by MCL and the State Government authorities. The ban will affect the ongoing mining operations and thousands of land oustees of Talcher, Ib Valley and Vasundhara areas would be deprived of jobs. This would also put the prospect of opening of three new coal mines, two in Talcher and one in Vasundhara area of Sundargarh in jeopardy. A similar decision by the Union Government in 1998 had to be rolled back following strong resistance. Recently, two upcoming coal projects, one in Kaniha and another at Bhuvaneshwari having the annual production capacity at 3.5 million and 10 million tonnes respectively are linked to the Kaniha Plant of NTPC. In fact, the NTPC went in for 2,000 MW expansion after being assured of opening of Kaniha mines. At a time when the power sector in the country is starved of coal, the decision of the Ministry to outsource mining activities has put a long shadow on the fate of these coal mines.

This is a clear violation of the State Government's rehabilitation policy. The State Government's policy stipulates that all those evicted by coal mining would be provided with jobs. This ban is unacceptable to the State Government of Orissa. They have written directly to the Central Government. The people of coal mine area will lose their land, they will not get job, they will be at the receiving end from both sides and they will practically lose everything due to these mining operations. The State of Orissa will not tolerate this. I would request the Government to be aware of the ground realities and lift the ban immediately.

**MR CHAIRMAN: The House now stands adjourned till 11.a.m. tomorrow.**

**The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock**

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