

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2000
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.12.2018

MINING SECTOR IN INDIA

2000. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of logistical inefficiencies in transportation of coal from its place of origin to destination;
- (b) if so, Government's proposal to check the inefficiencies to prevent loss of valuable natural resources;
- (c) whether Government is looking for alternatives of Railways, as it undertakes the majority of transportation activities; and
- (d) if not, measures which Government has envisaged to fine-tune the operations of Railways?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES AND COAL
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) and (b): There has been no logistical inefficiencies at Coal India Limited (CIL) regarding transportation of coal to its various consumers.

However, it is stated that the responsibility of arranging transportation from the coal sidings/mine stock to the end use point lies with the consumer.

(c) and (d): In the meeting taken by Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) Power and NRE, Government of India on 25.01.2018, the use of captive mode of transport like Conveyor Belts, Merry Go Round (MGR) for movement of coal was stressed upon and it was decided that the Power Plants situated within 20 kms from pithead shall construct elevated closed belt conveyors within 2 years. Further it was also decided that Power Plants located within 40 kms from pithead shall construct MGR within 3 years and Power Plants located within 40 kms and upto 100 kms may also consider the option of MGR based on financial viability.
