

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF POWER**

**RAJYA SABHA**

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**ANSWERED ON**

**MOU RELATING TO PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN POWER SECTOR .**

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SHRI SANJAY SINGH

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government are aware that the fate of 197 MOU relating to private investment in power sector hangs in balance as Coal Companies and Indian Railways have refused to accord top priority for supply and transportation of coal to the proposed thermal projects;
- (b) if so, what are the details of the difficulties being faced by these departments; and
- (c) what are the remedial measures proposed to be given in this regard?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SLAVE):

(a) to (c) Both the Ministries of Coal and Railways accord highest priority to the supply and movement of coal for the power sector including for the proposed private power projects. Various Independent Power Producers (IPPs) are negotiating with the Coal companies and the Railways to finalise the agreements for supply and transportation of coal. The Coal Supply Agreement for the Ib Valley Project has already been finalised. The Ministry of Coal has also identified 13 mining blocks for captive mining by IPPs are attended to on priority basis by the Ministry of coal and the Ministry of Railways. Ministry of Power is also in the process of framing model fuel supply and transportation agreements to assist the IPPs.