

QUESTION DETAILS

MINISTRY OF : COAL

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2612

TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2019

Mining below the Dhanbad Chandrapura railway line

2612. Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has approved mining plan prepared by Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDIL) for mining below the Dhanbad-Chandrapura railway line (DC line) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry of Coal has asked Ministry of Railways to immediately handover the DC line for erecting the excavation projects at the earliest and if so, the details thereof along with their reaction;
- (c) whether the National Remote Sensing Centre identified 42 spots which are strongly affected by the underground fire in Jharkhand; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with steps taken by Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

Reply (a): No mining plan has been prepared by Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDIL) for mining below the Dhanbad-Chandrapura railway line (DC line).

Reply (b): Yes Sir. Based on the report of Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), Railway Board has stopped operation of Passengers and good Traffic on Dhanbad-Chandrapura (DC) railway line with effect from 15.06.2017. Further, on 29.08.2018, Secretary (Coal) has requested Chairman Railway Board to hand over the possession of Railway land covered under said railway line to BCCL which is under consideration of Railway Board.

Reply (c)-(d): National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) has not done study for underground fire. A study report has been submitted in 2018 by NRSC and the surface fire area has been reported as 3.28 sq km in 35 collieries. BCCL has engaged hired Heavy Earth Moving Machinery in various mines (where feasible) to dig out fire area for dousing it.

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