

re-compensate the farmer and a Diesel Subsidy Scheme approved to save the standing crops.

Bidding for coal blocks

*55. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has alleged that lack of competitive bidding for coal blocks resulted in gains for private companies and a loss of Rs. 1.86 lakh crore to the Central exchequer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of companies which have been benefited; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government against the erring officials?

THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The Performance Audit Report of Comptroller and Auditor General on Allocation of Coal Blocks and Augmentation of Coal Production has been received by the Government and the same has been forwarded as per Article 151(1) of the Constitution to Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariat for laying these in the Parliament.

Iron ore mining in Karnataka

*56. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of iron ore produced in the country during the last three years and how much of this was exported; and

(b) what measures Government is taking to reduce the export of iron ore and the outcome of such measures, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Details of total iron ore produced and exported in the last three years are given below:-

Year	Production (in millions tonnes)	Export (in millions tonnes)
2009-10	218.55	123.43
2010-11	207.99	97.90
2011-12	167.11	57.00

(Source IBM and TRU)