

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2526  
ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022

**DMF PERSPECTIVE PLAN FOR NLC IN CUDDALORE**

2526. DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any policy proposal to prepare District Mineral Foundation (DMF) five-year perspective plan for Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC), Cuddalore district;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is any guideline to include Gram Sabha or local bodies in the preparation of perspective plan as mentioned above;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total money collected for the Cuddalore District Mineral Foundation from NLC India Ltd. and the percentage of that money spent on mining affected areas for the past five years?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINES, COAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Mines has issued directions vide order dated 24.6.2022 to all the States for preparation of five year perspective plan for systematic development of area and people in DMF Districts in which Gram/Local Bodies may aid in preparation of needs assessment reports.

Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that necessary action has been initiated to incorporate the Ministry's directions vide order dated 24.6.2022 in Tamil Nadu District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2017.

As per information received from the State Government, following are the actions of DMFT Cuddalore:-

1. Considering the adverse impact of mining of lignite and other minerals by NLC, etc. entire Cuddalore district has been identified and declared as mine affected area by DMFT Cuddalore. Further, the requirement of mine affected area/people are identified in consultation with local bodies etc., through the implementing agencies.
2. Projects are being taken up to meet the most pressing requirements of the public in the area pertaining to drinking water, health, education, infrastructure etc.. As on 30.6.2022, 170 projects have been taken up at a total cost of Rs. 292.15 Cr. out of which, 122 projects at a total cost of Rs. 190.91 Cr. have been completed and 48 projects at a total cost of Rs. 101.25 Cr. are under progress.

(e): As per information received from State Government, Rs. 427.81 Cr. has been collected from NLC India Ltd. for the Cuddalore District Mineral Foundation. Out of total collection of Rs. 447.84 Cr., Rs. 292.15 Cr. has been allocated and Rs. 278.16 Cr. of this amount has been spent in the past five years for mining affected areas in the Cuddalore District, which is 68.29% and 65.02% of the fund collected from NLC India Ltd.

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