

The M.D., WBMDTC Ltd. informed the House that they will take up the matter along with proposed coal mining in Deocha - Pachami - Dewarganj - Harinsingha Coal Block.

42.04.05 :

The MD, WBMDTCL requested GSI to take up programme for locating small patches of Coal in RCF (Raniganj Coal Field). GSI suggested WBMDTCL to send a formal proposal in this issue.

(Action: WBMDTCL)

The M.D., WBMDTC Ltd. informed the House that WBMDTC Ltd. at present has taken up the matter with Ministry of Coal, GOI regarding the allocation of small and isolated Coal patches.

He added that a committee has since been constituted by GoI, Ministry of Coal vide no.13016/47/2008 (Pt) CA/I/CA-III dated 12.05.2014 with a view to identify additional coal blocks for allocation (auction purpose) under "Auction by Competitive Bidding of Coal Mines Rules, 2012". If the MoC does not allocate the small/isolated coal pockets of West Bengal to WBMDTCL directly, these small/isolated coal pockets are to be considered by them for allocation by Competitive Bidding, where WBMDTCL can take part. For this purpose, a list of identified small and isolated coal pockets has been handed over to the concerned member of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) by WBMDTCL for necessary action.

42.04.06 :

GSI opined that the State Govt. should come up with more programme on societal issues like DOVEMAP (Development of Village Economy through Mineral Appraisal).

It was emerged from the discussion that the State of West Bengal strongly feels involvement and application of Geoscience in different societal issues pertaining to the State. A few of these are, (i) Urban Geology,