

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Due to operational and resource constraints.

[English]

**Direct Train Between Delhi and
Kotdwara**

*771 SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a direct train between Delhi and Kotdwara was planned a few years back and trial runs were carried out in this regard;

(b) if so, the reasons for not introducing this train; and

(c) when it is proposed to be introduced now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

[Translation]

Collieries in Jharkhand, Bihar

*772. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of collieries lying closed in Jharkhand area of Bihar;

(b) the reasons for the closure of these collieries;

(c) whether any efforts are being made by the Government to revive these collieries;

(d) if so, the action taken so far in this regard; and

(e) the names of collieries likely to be revived during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Closed collieries fall in two categories:

(1) Those collieries taken over as closed and still continuing to remain closed.

(2) Those collieries taken over as working or opened new after nationalisation and which are now closed:

Number of closed collieries falling in the territory of State of Bihar is as follows:-

Category - I 27

Category - II 25

(b) Reasons for collieries of category I continuing to remain closed are:

(1) These could not be merged/re-grouped or amalgamated to form a reconstituted mine.

(2) Lack of infrastructural facilities on account of geographical location.

(3) Isolated patch deposit with very small reserves and seasonal work-ability.

(4) Insufficient geological data available for such mines.

(5) Non-availability of reliable working plans in respect of old workings.