

[*Translation*]**Copper Deposits in Eastern Region**

3645. SHRI SHAILENDRA  
MAHTO :  
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are rich deposits of copper in Dhovni, Sidheshwar and Chapri mines at Indian Copper Complex;

(b) if so, whether Hindustan Copper Limited propose to exploit these mines;

(c) whether Hindustan Copper Limited propose to take over the Turamdeeh mines where higher grade copper is available;

(d) whether it is proposed to increase the capacity of Rakha, Surda, Pathar Moda, Kenderdeeh mines;

(e) whether the Government propose to close down Vanalopa mines on the basis of Chelliah Committee report;

(f) whether the Government propose to increase the existing annual capacity of the smelter plant of Indian Copper Complex; and

(g) if not, the details and reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) As per the National Mineral Inventory, the total recoverable reserves of copper ore in Dhobani, Chapri and Sidheshwar deposits as on 1.4.1993 are 490 lakhs tonnes containing about 4.3

lakhs tonnes of copper metal.

(b) The Company proposes to develop some of these deposits.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Company proposes to expand the installed capacity of mines at Surda, Pathar-gora and Kendadih to produce more copper ore.

(e) The Company proposes to phase out its Mosaboni mine gradually as it has become uneconomic.

(f) and (g) Presently there is no proposal to expand the smelting capacity at Indian Copper Complex (ICC) due to economic consideration.

**Rural Electrification**

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JANGDE:  
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS  
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SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH  
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DR. PARSHURAM  
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SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO :  
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the total financial assistance provided for rural electrification to each