

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2798
ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023

HINDUSTAN COPPER LIMITED

2798. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed poor infrastructure facilities of Hindustan Copper Limited, Khetrinagar;
- (b) if so, whether four decade old residential quarters/ buildings are not inhabitable and in dilapidated condition due to poor maintenance and it poses danger to life of employees who have been forced to reside outside the premises;
- (c) if so, the details of total quarters, vacant quarters, category-wise, number of quarters repaired during the last three years, quarters under repair, funds spent and target to repair all quarters in stipulated time;
- (d) whether there is acute shortage of water in Khetri Copper Complex making life difficult, if so, the remedial measures taken thereon;
- (e) whether as HCL is making profits, there is an urgent need for starting maintenance/repair work of quarters and providing regular water supply to ensure "Ease of living" at HCL, Khetrinagar; and
- (f) if so, the steps being taken/ planned to be taken by HCL in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Infrastructure facilities of Khetri Copper Complex, Khetri Nagar have been reviewed. There are few buildings of D, E & F type quarters, which are more than 50 year old and are not inhabitable and they are not allotted to anyone. After allocation, KCC still has surplus habitable buildings which are allotted to state/ Central Govt. employees and also given on short term lease to ex-employees & others. There is no shortage of quarters for the 529 employees of KCC (as on 01.12.2023).

Total no. of quarters in KCC is as under:

Type Of Quarter	Total Number Of Allotted quarters	Vacant	Total
A	5	1	6
B	49	1	50
C	246	54	300
D	668	292	960
E	1651	1220	2871
F	297	355	652
Transit Accommodation	182	233	415
Total	3098	2156	5254

A total fund of Rs. 1.33 crore has been spent on the repair work of 187 quarters, in last three years. Further, Rs. 84 lakhs has been allocated for repair of B & C type quarters.

(d) to (f): There were instances of acute water shortage during last year in summer in townships of KCC. However, since April, 2023 onwards, extra supply of 4 million litre of water per day from Rajasthan Govt. has eased out this problem.
