

about 2000 tonnes of continuous cast copper wire rods returned after toll smelting of copper concentrates abroad arrived at Madras port in a slightly fire damaged condition. Due to all these unforeseen reasons HCL could not fulfil its commitment, to the customers.

(c) HCL has taken steps to meet the commitments from its own production.

#### Opencast mining projects at Ananta and Khadia

1223. SHRICHETANP.S. CHAUHAN:  
SHRIMATI BHAVNA  
CHIKHLIA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to

state:

(a) whether the Union Government have approved opencast mining projects at Ananta and Khadia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total expenditure likely to be incurred on each of those projects; and

(d) the time by which the production is likely to be started in those projects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. Both these projects have been sanctioned by the Government. Some of salient details are given below:-

<i>Item Company</i>	<i>Ananta OCP SECL</i>	<i>Khadia OCP NCL</i>
Capital cost (Rs. croores)	156.49	538.75
Capacity	4 mtpa	4 mtpa
Mineable reserves	68.68 mt	88.00mt
Average stripping ratio	0.51 cu. m.per tonne	4.08 cu. m.per tonne
Grade of Coal	F	E
O.M.S.	12.38 tonnes	10.00 tonnes

Both these mines are expected to contribute to coal production during the current year (1991-92).

#### Gold Mines

1224. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the gold mines where the cost of extracting gold is much higher

than its market value; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHIR BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) The details of highly uneconomic gold mines which belong to Bharat Gold Mines Limited and the Cost of extracting gold is given below: