

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:427  
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2000  
OPEN CAST MINES  
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Eastern Coalfields has signed any agreement with private companies for the mining of open cast mines;
- (b) if so, the names of these companies; and
- (c) the details of clauses of the agreement?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T.SHANMUGAM)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) & (c) Do not arise in view of answer to part (a) of this question.