

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL AND MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1217  
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NAKODA COAL MINES  
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

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

- (a) whether the Nakoda Coal Mines in the Wani area of District Chandrapur (Maharashtra) has been suddenly closed down by the management of Western Coalfields Limited ( WCL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;
- (c) whether the management of WCL are indulging in theft of coal;
- (d) if so, whether the Government propose to investigate the matter through an independent agency other than Coal India Limited ;
- (e) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b) : The Nakoda underground coal mine of Wani area has not been closed suddenly. The workings of Nakoda UG mine extended very near to the fault, dykes and danger was apprehended from water-logged workings on the other side of the fault. Working place thus got exhausted because of geo-mining condition and the mine was incurring heavy losses. The matter was discussed at different fora at Wani area and Company Head Quarter before the final decision on closure was taken.

All the workers of Nakoda incline have been redeployed gainfully in other mines of the same area/ in the neighbouring areas. They have been allowed to retain their existing residential accommodation alongwith other welfare amenities like schooling, medical etc. Transport facilities have been provided to them for attending their new places of work.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) to (f): Do not arise in view of part (c) of the question.