

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:125
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CLOSURE OF CHROME ORE MINES IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of workers have been thrown out of employment due to the closure of some chrome ore mines in Orissa;
- (b) whether the Government propose to revive those mines; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) to (c) : As per information received from Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), a subordinate office under Ministry of Mines, there are 21 chromite mines in Orissa and the estimated number of workforce in these mines is 5932. Four mines have been reported to be non-working due to orders of Forest Authorities and / or labour problems. However, no notice of abandonment of any of these mines have been received by the Indian Bureau of Mines. As such the question of workers being thrown out of employment due to closure of mines may not arise.