

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

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DISCONTINUATION OF PRODUCTION IN ECL
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Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have decided to discontinue the production at various collieries of ECL, particularly in Madhaipur Colliery;
- (b) if so, the names of other collieries where production is likely to be discontinued; and
- (c) the reasons behind taking such a decision?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES & MINERALS

(SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (c) No such decision has been taken at the Government's level. On the other hand, Coal India Limited engaged Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Limited (ICICI), a group of professional consultants, to prepare a revival package for ECL. This package underlines a combination of measures for the revival of ECL, which includes increase in productivity and production, requiring infusion of capital, reduction of cess levied by Government of West Bengal, downsizing of manpower and closure of highly unproductive mines.