

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6270
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RUNNING OF DHONI PROJECT IN LOSS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Dhoni Project under the Dhoni area of the Central Coalfields Limited, Jharkhand is running into losses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent of losses suffered by this Project during the last three years alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government have held the Management of the project responsible for the losses;
- (e) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted or is proposed to be conducted in this regard;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the action being taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The details of the operating losses suffered by Dhori Project during the last three years is given below:

Year	Loss suffered (Rs. crore)
2002-03	10.53
2001-02	08.80
2000-01	15.98

Reasons for losses being suffered by Dhori project are:

- Substantial portion of coal production consist of inferior i.e. 'F' Grade of coal resulting in low realisation per tonne of coal.
- High wage cost of large manpower, both in terms of wages cost per tonne and proportion of wages cost per tonne to total cost per tonne, compared to company average for opencast mines.

(d) & (e): No, Sir.

(f) & (g): Do not arise in view of answer given to parts (d) & (e) of the question.