

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:114
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HANDING OVER OF COAL MINES TO PRIVATE PARTIES BY ECL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Eastern Coalfields Ltd. is planning to handover five operating coal mines in the Salampur area to private parties;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether inspite of huge quantity of coal reserves in Khayer- Bandh Coal Mines, the ECL authority have diverted its essential coal lifting heavy machine elsewhere;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the production at Begunia Coal Mine has been stopped by ECL authority;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (g) whether inspite of huge coal reserve in Samvi colliery, ECL authority is indifferent in deploying the required coal lifting machinery; and
- (h) if so, the steps being taken by the Union Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Question does not arise.
- (c)& (d): This is not a fact. There is a fire zone in the Northern side of Khoirabad Colliery which is excavated in patches by outsourcing of Heavy Earth Moving Machinery (HEMM). Excavation in phase -I has since been completed and the proposal for excavation in Phase-II is under process of approval.
- (e): Begunia Colliery is still in operation. The production from this colliery since April, 2003 till date is 23497 tonne.
- (f): Question does not arise.
- (g): Development in Salanpur 'A' seam at Sangramgarh Colliery (located near Samdih village and not Samvi colliery) is still going on. The coal production from the mine since April, 2003 till date is 30114 tonne. Further one patch, namely Sangramgarh opencast patch has been identified for working by outsourcing of HEMM.
- (h): Question does not arise.