

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1425  
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COAL MINES IN M.P.  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of coal mines operating in Madhra Pradesh as on 31st July, 2000, company-wise;
- (b) whether the Government propose to close down some of its coal mines;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, company-wise, alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to commission new coal mines in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T.SHANMUGAM)

(a) A total number of 128 coal mines are being operated in Madhya Pardesh by three subsidiary companies of CoalIndia Limited, namely, South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), WesternCoalfields Limited (WCL) andNorthern Coalfields Limited (NCL). The break-up of the 128 coal mines is given below, company-wise:-

SECL	90	
WCL		33
NCL		5
Total		128

(b) & (c): The coal companies close down mines on the grounds of exhaustion of extractable reserves, difficult geo- mining conditions, safety considerations and economic unviability as a part of their continuous mining operations. SECLand WCL propose to close down a few of their mines on the ground of exhaustion of workable reserves. The location and type of such coal mines are given below company-wise.

SECL		
1.	South Jhangrakhand	Underground
2	South Jhimar	Underground
3	Dumanhill	Underground
4	West Chirimiri	Underground
5	Korea	Underground
6	Dipka	Underground
7	Jainagar	Underground
8	Subhash	Underground
9	Bisrampur	Opencast
10	Nowrozabad (East)	Underground
11	Sharada	Opencast
12	Chachai	Underground

WCL		
1	Bansi Mine	Underground
2	Chandametta Mine	Underground

(d) & (e): The location and type of the new coal mines proposed to be commissioned by SECL, WCLand NCL during the next three years are given below:

SECL		
1.	Sheetal Dhara	Under ground
2	Mahan	Opencast
3	Chirimiri ('O'Seam)	Under ground
4	Gayatri	Under ground

5	Rani Atari	Under ground
6	Bagdeva	Under ground
7	Amera	Opencast
8	Kanchan	Opencast
9	Amadand	Opencast

WCL

1	Neharia	Under ground
2	Chhinda	Opencast

NCL

1	Block - B	Opencast
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