

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1399  
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INOPERATIONAL STATUS OF HCL  
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**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the processing unit at Hindustan Copper in Jharkhand and mines situated at Badia, Pathergora, Kendadoh and Sudra (North and South) are lying inoperational;
- (b) whether Sudra mine has adequate stock of copper for the next 20 years and whether 1300 tonnes of ore can be extracted from it every year;
- (c) whether the Government has proposal to re-start these closed mines; and
- (d) if so, by when?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

- (a): Hindustan Copper Limited(HCL) is having its Indian Copper Complex (ICC) unit in the State of Jharkhand. The ICC smelter and refinery which was shutdown for major overhauling exercise since July, 2003 has resumed production from 24.6.2004. The mines situated at ICC Complex viz. Surda, Pathargora, Kendadih, Rakha and Mosaboni including Badia have been closed due to economic non-viability and losses.
- (b): Surda mine has a proved deposit of 4.93 million tonnes and can last for about 10 years. The mine at an optimum level of production may produce around 1000 tonnes of copper ore (10 tonnes of metal concentrate) every day.
- (c) & (d): With a view to restarting mining operations at Surda necessary action has been initiated for renewal of mining lease by taking up the matter with the State Government of Jharkhand.