

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2323  
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CLOSING OF HCL MINES  
Singh Shri Suraj

**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether processing unit of Hindustan Copper Limited located in Jharkhand and the Badia, Pathergowda, Kendadoh and Sudra (North and South) mines are lying closed;
- (b) whether the Government propose to make these closed mines functional again; and
- (c) if so, by when?

**Answer**

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

(a): The processing unit of Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) located in the State of Jharkhand viz. smelter and refinery plant of Indian Copper Complex (ICC) is in operation. The mines situated at ICC Complex viz. Surda, Pathargora, Kendadih, Rakha and Mosaboni including Badia have been closed due to economic non-viability and accumulated losses.

(b) & (c): With a view to restarting mining operations through Worker's Co-operative at Surda necessary action has been initiated for renewal of mining lease by taking up the matter with the State Government of Jharkhand.