

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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CLOSURE OF SINGRAULI COAL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some coai projects are lying closed under Northern Coalfields, Singrauli;
- (b) if so7 the names of the said projects and since when they are lying closed alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Gorbi project is also one among them; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government for revival of the Gorbi project and the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO):

- (a) Yes, Sir. Two coal projects of Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) are lying closed.
- (b) Names of these two projects of NCL, which are lying closed alongwith reasons are as under:

Sl. No. Name of the closed in the year Reasons for closure
closed project

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| 1. | Gorbi | 1997-1998 | Exhaustion of viable mineable reserves |
| 2. | Gorbi-B | 1999-2000 | Exhaustion of viable mineable reserves |

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As the two projects were closed due to exhaustion of the reserves, they are not going to be revived. However, another nearby project namely Block-B is proposed to be taken up in future.