

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) : whether unemployment is increasing in Jharkhand because of closure of mining industry in the State ;
- (b) : if so, the details thereof;
- (c) : if not, the reaction of the Union Government thereto;
- (d) : whether the Government intends to extract coking coal at large scale in Jharkhand ;
- (e) : if so, the details thereof, location- wise and
- (f) : the time by which extraction of coking coal is likely to start ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c): The coal mines of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) and Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) and some coal mines of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) are located in Jharkhand. When any of the coal mines of these companies are closed due to exhaustion of coal reserves, safety consideration or techno- economic unviability, employees of these mine are not retrenched but are redeployed in other mines.

(d) to (f): In Jharkhand State, CIL has coking coal mines in BCCL and CCL. Possibility of coking coal extraction on a large scale does not exist due to difficult geo-mining condition and existence of Jharia township in BCCL which has the main reserves of prime coking coal. Extractable reserves of coking coal has been depleting over the years. Programme of coking coal production of CIL from the mines located in Jharkhand State is as under:

(In million tones)

2004-05 (Target)	2005-06 (Target)	2006-07 (Projections)	
BCCL	8.54	7.73	10.77
CCL	11.01	11.78	10.32
Total	19.55	19.51	21.09