

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has taken any decision on the closure of mines of the Eastern Coalfields Limited;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the Union Government is making efforts to make these coal mines viable; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Eastern Coalfields Limited have identified 26 mines for suspension of mining activities as per the Rehabilitation Scheme approved by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction. The identified mines are as under:-

S.N. Name of the Mine Reasons for Closure

1. Samla Exhuuslion of reserve
2. Kendra Exhaustion of reserve, unviable
3. Lachipur(R.D. Unit) Exhaustion of reserve
4. Kuardih (13 & 14 Pit) Exhaustion of reserve, unviable
5. Madhusudanpur 3 & 4 Pit Exhaustion of reserve
6. Ghusick (Mislia) Economically unviable
7. K.D. Incline Econonically unviable and also on safety ground

8. Ningha Economically unviable

9. Mithapur Economically unviable

10. Pure Searsole Exhaustion of Reserve,
economically unviable

11. Satgram Incline Exhaustion of Reserve,
economically unviable

12. Jemahari Economically unviable

13. Tirath Economically unviable

14. Sangramgarh Economically unviable

15. Begunia Economically enviable

16. Chakballavpur Economically unviable

17. Monoharbohal Exhaustion of reserve and
economically unviable

18. Mithani Exhaustion of reserve

19. Chinakuri-1 Economically unviable

20. Bejdih Economically unviable

21. Chinakuri-II Economically unviable

22. Bhamuria Incline of Parbelia Economically unviable

23. Gopinathpur Exhaustion of reserve, unviable

24. Lakhimata Economically unviable

25. Kapasara Economically unviable also
on safety ground

26. Khoirabad Compulsion of safety, beside
being economically unviable

(c) & (d) Out of 26 mines identified for closure/suspension of mining activities, production operation of 7 underground mines viz, Samla, Kapasara, Lachipur (R.D. Unit), Kuardih (11 & 12 Pit), Bhamuria Incline (a unit of Parbelia), Chinakuri-H and Khoirabad have been suspended due to exhaustion of reserve, being uneconomic and also on safety ground.

Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited has conducted a techno- economic study for the remaining 19 loss making underground mines and have opined that these mines cannot be made viable even after marginal investment, However, of these, 13 underground mines viz. Mithani, Bejih, Tirath, Puresearsole, Jemahari, Mithapur, Begunia, Sangravngarh, Monoharbohal, Chakhallavpur, Kushadanga, Muslia unit of Ghusick and Nin?/ha are being considered for handing over to West Bengal Government for joint venture with State Public Sector Undertakings. 6 mines, namely, Chinakuri-I, Satgram Incline, Gopinathpur, Lakhimata, Kendra and Madhusudanpur (3 and 4 pit) are being taken up for improving production and productivity.