GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COAL LOK SABHA

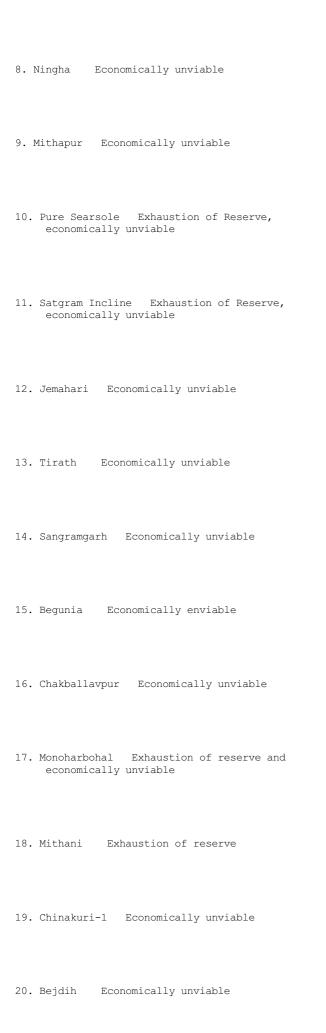
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1965 ANSWERED ON:08.03.2006 CLOSURE OF MINES Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

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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



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

21. Chinakuri-II 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 Perbelia), 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- economtcal study for the rem; lining 19 loss making underground mines and have opined that these mines cannot be n.iade 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 ven ture 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.