

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of the gold mines closed by the Union Government/State Government, State-wise;
- (b) whether a large number of workers engaged in these mines have been declared surplus;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to rehabilitate such workers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a): Details of gold mines closed by Union Government/State Government, State-wise is furnished in the table below:

S.No. Name of the State Name of the Mines Name of the Owner Reason for closure

1	Andhra Pradesh	Old Bishantham	Bharat Gold Mines Ltd.	Uneconomic operation and the company declared wound up by the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction
2		Chingaragunta-I		
3.		Chingaragunta-II		
4		Yappamana		
5	Karnataka	Nandidurg	Bharat Gold Mines Limited	Mining operations has been closed w.e.f 01/03/2001
6		Mysore Champion Amalgamated Mine		

(b): At the time of closure of above mines in 2001, 3580 employees were employed whose services were terminated.

(c): Of the total 3580 employees, 3488 were workers and staff. Remaining 92 employees were in officer cadres.

(d): National Productivity Training Centre under Ministry of Labour has organized training courses for workers in alternative trades, together with payment of stipend at KGF. The infrastructure like building etc. were provided by Bharat Gold Mines Limited for the purpose. As per information available about 650 workers were provided such training.