

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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CLOSURE OF KUDREMUKH IRON ORE MINES
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the date on which the Kudremukh iron ore mines were closed;
- (b) the expenditure being incurred by the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd. per annum on various activities and administrative mechanism since its closure; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to re-start the mining activities of Kudremukh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP)

(a) Consequent upon the verdict of Hon'ble Supreme Court, mining operations at Kudremukh Iron Ore Mines in Karnataka was stopped on 31st December, 2005.

(b) The expenditure being incurred by KIOCL is as follows:

(Rs. In Lakhs)	
Year	Amount
2005-06 (From January 2006 to March, 2006)	1766.51
2006-07	5772.87
2007-08	5557.72
2008-09	9382.09
2009-10	7773.00 (Provisional)

(c) Restarting of Kudremukh mining activities cannot be undertaken without specific clearance from the Hon'ble Supreme Court, hence no specific time frame can be fixed for reopening of the mine.