

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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UTILISATION OF WATER FROM CLOSED MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether huge reserves of water is available under the closed coal mines in the State of Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, whether his Ministry is formulating any scheme to make available the water to the farmers for irrigation;
- (c) if so, the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented;and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF THE STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): Yes, Sir. Water is available in mined out areas of underground mines situated in Madhya Pradesh due to strata seepage and accumulation of rain water. The available water is being pumped out by coal companies for industrial and domestic use to meet the water demands of employees' s colonies as well as local population. The local farmers are already using this water for agriculture and domestic purposes.

(b): As the water from closed mines is being utilized by the local farmers for irrigation, no specific scheme in this regard is under consideration of the Ministry at present.

(c) & (d): Does not arise in view of reply to parts (a) & (b) above.