

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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COAL PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether several coal mines and coal projects in the subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited (CIL) specially in Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) and Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) have been declared non-viable and non-profitable;
- (b) if so, the names of these projects and the amount spent on each of the projects alongwith their locations, company-wise;
- (c) whether any proposal for launching some projects specially Damodar Rail River Diversion Project and making Angwali coal mines operational are pending with Damodar Valley Corporation and RITES;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the effective steps taken till now to completely close and restart these projects?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No coalmine / coal projects have been declared non-viable though there are some loss making units in different subsidiaries of Coal India Limited (CIL).

(c): Yes, Sir. The updated assessment of expenditure on Damodar River Diversion (DRD) is awaited from DVC whereas the updated cost estimate of Phusro-Jarangdih Rail Diversion (PJR) has been received from East Central Railway, Dhanbad which is estimated to be Rs.232 crores. No proposal for making Angwali coal mine operational is pending with any agency.

(d) & (e): Earlier in the year 2009, Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL) had prepared a draft Project Report (PR) for DRD Opencast Project (OCP) for 15 Million tonne per year (MTY) capacity which comprises DRD, PJRD and the Coal Mining Project DRD OC. However, this project report has been withdrawn since this involved a huge external dump area in the thickly built up areas. Now a revised Project Report (PR) for DRD OC for a capacity of 4.0 MTY and a capital estimate of Rs.2200 crores has been prepared by CMPDIL which includes diversion of Damodar River (Rs.900 crore to be updated by DVC), PJRD (Rs.232 crores) and DRD OCP (Rs.1068 crores). This is one of the identified XI Plan Projects of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL).

CCL has identified Angwali closed Mine, in East Bokaro Coalfields of to be handed over to State Government of Jharkhand for mining through 'Adibasi Tribal Co-operative Society Council' as model pilot project.