

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4616
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RECLAMATION OF CLOSED MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the existing provisions for filling / reclamation of closed mines;and

(b) the details of emptied mines which have not been filled up during the last three years and the current year alongwith the reasons therefor; mine-wise, subsidiary-wise and year-wise?

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): The Government of India has issued guidelines for preparation of Mine closure Plan covering the aspects of filling of the mined out areas/reclamation of coal mines vide this Ministry's communication No.55011-01-2009 -CPAM dated 27-08-2009 whose details are available on the website of Ministry of Coal (www.coal.nic.in). All coal and lignite mines in India shall be governed by these guidelines. Mine closure Plan needs to be an integral part of Mining Plan and Project Report and the same needs to be got approved by the competent authority. Mine reclamation/filling is a continuous process and is conducted progressively as the mining operations continue. Final Mine Closure is taken up once the economically extractable reserves are exhausted.

(b): There are 16 mines where coal has been exhausted but filling has not been done during the last three years and current year whose details are given below:

Name of Subsidiary	Name of Mine	Year Closed	Remarks
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ECL	Old Pursottampur	OCP Last 3 years	Used for Irrigation
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ECL	Old Real Jambad	OCP Last 3 years	Used for Irrigation
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ECL	Old Dabor	OCP Last 3 years	Used for Irrigation
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ECL	Old Alkusha Gopalpur	OCP Last 3 years	Used for Irrigation
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ECL	Old Damalla	OCP Last 3 years	Used for Irrigation
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ECL Rana OCP Last 3 Used for pisciculture
years

ECL Ratonati OCP Last 3 Used for pisciculture
years

ECL Bankola OCP Last 3 Used for pisciculture
years

ECL Ghanshyam OCP Last 3 Used for pisciculture
years

ECL Amdla OCP Last 3 Used for pisciculture
years

ECL Itapara OCP Last 3 Used for Water Supply
years

ECL West Baraboni Last 3 Used for Water Supply
years

ECL Dhandadih OCP Last 3 Used for Water Supply
years

ECL Dalurband OCP Last 3 Used for Water Supply
years

NCL Gorbi Last 3 Filling operations
years being taken up as Mine
Closure Plan approved
recently

WCL Pench East OC 2008-09 Filling completed
partially keeping
in view the approach
to the adjoining reserve
in future.

ECL = Eastern Coalfields Limited

NCL = Northern Coalfields Limited

WCL = Western Coalfields Limited