

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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REVIVAL OF ABANDONED MINES  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Coal India Limited proposes to change its strategy about revival of abandoned underground coal mines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken so far in this regard;
- (c) whether some of the mines have been removed from the list of abandoned mines; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the names of companies to whom these coal mines have been entrusted for development and the progress made in the development work of these abandoned mines?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

- (a) : Coal India Limited still continues with the strategy about revival of abandoned underground coal mines. However, the tendering strategy is in the process of being changed from Limited Tendering among 10 firms short-listed from internationally reputed mining firms having relevant expertise, to a Global Open Tendering process.
- (b) : Initially eighteen mines were identified in different subsidiaries of Coal India Limited (CIL) for re-opening by forming Joint Venture (JV) company(s). Based on Expression of interest (EOI) for selection of JV partner(s), 10 parties were short-listed for limited tendering. Tenders were issued to these parties but no response was received. In some subsidiaries fresh round of tendering is in process. If this course of action finally yields no result, attempts will be made to identify suitable Joint Venture partner(s) through Open Global Tender(s). If the process becomes successful, production from these abandoned/derelict mines will contribute in enhancement of underground mining production to some extent. If the re-opening operation of the selected mines are found satisfactory, technically and economically, more number of abandoned derelict mines will be taken up in future for enhancement of underground production.
- (c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. Three mines of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL), in the State of Jharkhand, namely Gaslitand, Industry and Kujams have been removed from the list of initial 18 abandoned mines, as they were proposed to be worked departmentally by BCCL management.