

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether a number of mines of Coal India Limited have been closed during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has examined the proposals related to the feasibility of these mines or made efforts for the revival of these mines prior to taking decision about their closure; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) & (b) : The number of coal mines of Coal India Limited (CIL), closed during the last three years and the current years, year-wise are given as under :

S.No.	Year	Nos. of coal mines closed
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1	2009-10	6
2	2010-11	3
3	2011-12	4
4.	2012-13	Nil

(upto 30.4.2012)

(c) & (d): Before closure of any coal mine, due diligence on all its operational factors is carried out by the respective subsidiary company of the CIL. Generally, most of the coal mines are closed due to exhaustion of their mine-able coal reserves or conversion of underground mine to opencast mine or for some serious technical or safety reasons.