

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3072
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REVIVAL OF URANIUM MINE
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Bodal Uranium Mine in Rajnandgaon district in Chhattisgarh which was surveyed earlier;
- (b) whether the Government had ever taken any decision regarding mining of uranium or started any work in the said mine;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for closing the Bodal mines;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to revive the said mine in future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) :

(a),(b)&(c) Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a constituent unit of Department of Atomic Energy had carried out only limited exploratory mining at Bodal Mines, Rajnandgaon District in Chattisgarh as a part of its survey to assess its economic feasibility. The work, which was started in February 1976 was closed in May 1989 as it was found to be economically unviable due to low yield even at a depth upto 600 meters.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.