

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2305  
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2013  
EXPANSION OF HINDUSTAN COPPER LIMITED HCL  
Kumar Shri P.

**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) has submitted any expansion plans to the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the delay in taking decision is affecting the corporation; and
- (d) if so, the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) HCL's proposal is for expansion of Malanjkhand Copper Project mine (Balaghat, M.P.), a unit of Hindustan Copper Limited, from 2 million tonnes opencast to underground 5 million tonnes per annum involving capital investment of Rs. 1856.36 crore. It has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 30th September, 2011.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) Does not arise.