

Title: Requests West Bengal Government to make rate of Cess zero per cent for the survival of 64 coalieries.

SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR (DUMDUM): Sir, it has been reported in the press that 64 collieries in the State of West Bengal are on the verge of closure. But these collieries have become uneconomical only because of the high rate of cess which is being taken by the West Bengal Government at the rate of 47 per cent. So, I am requesting you just to convey the West Bengal Government to make it zero per cent so that those 64 coalieries may survive and 72,000 workers may get justice.