

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.881  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017**

**Closing Down of Coal Mines**

**881. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:**

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Coal India has decided to close 37 mines in 2017-18;
- (b) if so, the rationale behind this move;
- (c) whether the decision will have impact on India's fight against climate change; and
- (d) the alternate source of energy that will be relied on for future demand if 37 mines are closed?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF COAL AND RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) & (b):** Coal India Limited (CIL) has envisaged to close 37 underground mines which are unsafe and unviable.

**(c):** Closure of these underground mines will have very little impact on India's fight against climate change.

**(d):** On the production aspect, closure of 37 underground mines will not have much effect, as much of the loss of production will be replenished by enhancing production from other mines, as such, question of necessity for alternate source of energy because of closure of these mines does not arise.

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