

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4056
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2020

Coal Production

4056. SHRI ARUN SAO :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- a. the number of coal mines/blocks in Chhattisgarh where coal is not being produced;
- b. whether the Government proposes to do away with the lease granted to coal mines which are closed due to unavailability of coal;
- c. if so, the details thereof;
- d. whether any technique has been developed to start the mining work in such closed mines; and
- e. if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF COAL, MINES & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) 29 coal mines/blocks are located in Chhattisgarh where coal is not being produced so far. Out of the said 29 coal mines, 6 coal mines are allocated under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015, 4 coal mines are allocated under the provisions of Mines & Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and 19 coal mines belong to South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (SECL), a subsidiary of Coal India Ltd. situated in Chhattisgarh.

(b) to (c). SECL has decided to surrender mining lease granted to coal mines which are closed due to unavailability of coal as per details below :

Sl. No.	Name of Mines	Type of Land to be surrendered	Approx. Area in Ha
1.	West Chirimiri OC	Non-Forest Land	586.000
2.	North Chirimiri OC	Forest Land	227.000

(d) The mines having substantial reserve are studied in detail and then the technique (technology) of *Extraction of the UG reserve by opencast method* are adopted for extraction of the remaining reserve depending on suitability of the technology for those mines.

(e) Recently, SECL has adopted the following method for extraction of UG coal reserve:

- (i) Dharam UG mine: The UG reserve has been proposed for extraction by Chaal open cast mine.

(ii) Mahamaya UG mine: The UG reserve has been proposed for extraction through open cast method for which a Project Report of 1.50 MTY capacity has been approved.
