

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2886
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2016

Closure of washeries in BCCL

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Will the **MINISTER OF COAL** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of coal washeries which have been closed in Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) during the last three financial years;
- (b) what is the reason for closure of these washeries;
- (c) what steps are being taken by Government to deal with the resulting unemployment arising out of such closure; and
- (d) whether there is a plan to reopen these washeries?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER, NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): In Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) during last three financial years operation of only one washery namely Patherdih washery has been stopped since 01.04.2014.

(b): The washery was closed due to economic reasons and poor efficiency.

(c): After closure, the manpower at Patherdih washery has been gainfully re-deployed in other washeries of BCCL which were facing shortage of manpower.

(d): No Sir.
