

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1159
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023**

Mines-III of NLC India

1159 Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will withdraw the proposed Mines-III of NLC India in Cuddalore District following the resistance and protest by the farmers, farm labourers, environmentalists, and various other civil society organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will withdraw all the proposed coal or lignite mining activities in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): There is no proposal to withdraw the proposed Mines-III of NLC India in Cuddalore District as on date.

(c) and (d): Three (3) lignite blocks namely East of Sethiathope, Michaelpatti and Vadaseri located in the State of Tamil Nadu which were offered for auction in the 7th round of auctions for commercial mining under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 had been withdrawn from auction process.
