

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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**REVIVAL OF LOSS-MAKING EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED MINES UNDER
THE MDO MODEL**

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) has amalgamated 16 loss-making mines into 10 projects and offered them to private operators through the Mine Developer and Operator (MDO) revenue-sharing model as part of turnaround strategy;

(b) if so, complete list of all 10 MDO projects, their locations across West Bengal and Jharkhand, names of private MDO partners awarded, revenue-sharing percentages agreed upon and the current operational status of each project;

(c) timeline of award and operationalisation of each project, including basis for amalgamation of 16 mines into 10 clusters and criteria used to determine revenue-sharing percentages; and

(d) safeguards in place to protect employment and welfare of affected workers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES
(SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY)

(a) & (b): Yes. Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) has amalgamated sixteen loss-making mines into 10 projects and offered them to private operators through the Mine Developer and Operator (MDO) revenue-sharing model as part of a turnaround strategy. The List of revenue sharing MDO projects is as under:

Sl No	Project Name	Location	Successful Bidder	Revenue Share percentage offered to ECL	Current operational status
1	Madhujore	Kajora Area/West Bengal	M/s Coal Mines Associated Traders Pvt Ltd	31.99	Conditions Precedent period under progress
2	Chinakuri	Sodepur Area/West Bengal	M/s BKB Transport Pvt Ltd	8.00	Under operation
3	Gopinathpur	Mugma Area/Jharkhand	M/s Vensar Constructions Co. Ltd.	4.59	Under operation
4	Moirā	Bankola Area/West Bengal	M/s Minsol Ltd	7.00	

5	Girmint-Kd Incline	Satgram-Sripur Area/West Bengal	M/s Vensar Constructions Co. Ltd.	4.14	Conditions Precedent period under progress
6	Kuardih-Tirat	Satgram-Sripur Area/ West Bengal	M/s Kalinga Metallica Ltd	13.21	
7	Ratibati	Satgram-Sripur Area/West Bengal	M/s Minsol Ltd	7.00	
8	Benali	Satgram-Sripur Area/West Bengal	M/s R K Earth Resources Pvt Ltd	12.50	
9	Mahabir	Kunustoria Area /West Bengal	M/s Amar Infrastructure Ltd	15.56	
10	Mithapur	Satgram-Sripur Area/West Bengal	M/s SMI-MPSCPL-AT Consortium	5.50	

(c): 16 mines have been amalgamated into 10 clusters considering the verticality of mine boundaries. The revenue sharing percentage offered by the successful bidder is an outcome of the open tendering process, and the H-1 (successful) bidder is selected based on the revenue share percentage offered and mining scheme submitted by the bidder in accordance with the predefined methodology stipulated in the model tender document approved by CIL.

Sl No	Project Name	Timeline of award	Operationalisation status
1	Madhujore	30.11.2022	Conditions Precedent period under progress
2	Chinakuri	23.12.2022	Under operation
3	Gopinathpur	23.12.2022	Under operation
4	Moira	30.03.2023	Conditions Precedent period under progress
5	Girmint-Kd Incline	30.03.2024	
6	Kuardih-Tirat	03.06.2024	
7	Ratibati	03.06.2024	
8	Benali	28.10.2024	
9	Mahabir	01.01.2025	
10	Mithapur	04.06.2025	

(d): To ensure protection of employment of loss-making mines, it has been decided to shift the affected employees to nearby mines of the same Area. In case they cannot be accommodated in the same Area due to lack of requirement of manpower, they will be shifted to other Areas of ECL. Further, ECL has also invited applications from willing employees for their transfer to other subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited for their gainful utilization. There is no adverse impact on existing welfare facilities of such employees.
