

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2303
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2017**

Closure of Hindigir Coal Block

2303. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Hindigir coal block located in Jharkhand State has been closed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for its closure; and
- (c) the time by which this coal block is likely to be made functional?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Hindgir Underground mine of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) was closed in April, 2002 on account of geological constraints, safety concerns, law & order problems and economic reasons.

(c): Project Report of Hindgir Opencast Project (OCP) has been prepared by Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL) and the same is placed for consideration of the Board of CCL. On approval of the same by the Board, the mine is expected to be reopened after obtaining statutory clearances like Environment Clearance (EC), Forestry Clearance (FC) etc.

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