

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3497
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2018**

Open End and Underground Mines

3497. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- a) whether large number of open end coal mines and underground mines are operating for the last several years without getting any environment and forest clearance;
- b) if so, the company-wise details of the such coal mines; and
- c) the steps taken by the Government against such open end coal mines in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS , COAL, FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a) to (c): In general, mines of coal companies are operated after obtaining prior environmental & forestry Clearances from MoEF & CC. However, a few mines of CIL & its Subsidiaries and SCCL are predated of EIA notification 1994, are operating under valid *Consent to Operate* obtained from respective State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974 and Air (prevention and control of pollution) Act 1981. The details are at **Annexure A**. Applications for grant of EC has been made for all the mines as mentioned in Annexure A.

Annexure A

List of CIL Mines running under *Consent to Operate* issued by (SPCB) under Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 & predate of MOEF&CC, EIA Notification 1994.

Sl No.	Consent obtained from State Pollution Control Board (SPCB)	Subsidiary /Unit	Mines running under valid <i>Consent to Operate</i>
1	MPPCB, Bhopal	SECL	Birsinghpur UG
2			Pali UG
3			Nowrozabad UG
4			Piparia UG
5			Dhanpuri UG
6			Govinda / Meera UG
7			Bhadra UG
8			Somna UG
9	CECB, Raipur		Surakachar 3/4 & Main UG
10			Balgi UG
11			Banki & Surakachar 5/6
12			Bisrampur OC
13	SPCB, Dhanbad	BCCL	Cluster XVII
14	SPCB, Assam	NEC	Tirap Colliery

(ii) List of SCCL Mines which were started prior to EIA notification 1994

S.No	Name of the mine	Date of opening
1	VenkateshKhani-7 Incline	05.12.1954
2	Ravindrakhani-8 Incline	03.12.1979
3	Indaramkhani-1A Incline	20.02.1988
4	Godavarikhani-7LEP Incline	16.10.1994
Cluster of -		
5	Godavarikhani- 1 & 3	15.12.1959
6	Godavarikhani- 2 & 2A	08.12.1959
7	Godavarikhani- 5 Incline	09.01.1961
