

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2955
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2021**

Production Cost of Coal

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Will the Minister of *Coal* be pleased to state:

- (a) the production cost of Coal India and private companies in the country;
- (b) the reasons for difference in the production cost;
- (c) whether the Government has taken the cognizance of this matter and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the mines of Western Coal Limited (WCL) are closed due to higher production cost/running in loss and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to restart the mines of WCL and if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to work in joint venture with any experienced mining partner and if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to protect the WCL and to ensure that the Coal India Limited earn profit?

ANSWER

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

(a): The average cost of production of Coal in Coal India Limited (CIL) including its subsidiary companies is Rs. 1310.88/Tonne. Private coal companies are not mandated to share information on production cost of coal from their mines.

(b) & (c): In view of reply (a) above, question does not arise.

(d): One mine has been closed in WCL as per the Mine closure plan. Further, the following 7 mines of Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) were suspended due to economic unviability and safety issues during the period 2017-18 to 2019-20.

SL NO	NAME OF MINE	TYPE	AREA	STATE
1	Ambara	Underground (UG)	Kanhan	Madhya Pradesh
2	Pipla	UG	Nagpur	Maharashtra

3	Chanda Rayatwari Colliery	UG	Chandrapur	Maharashtra
4	Kumbharkhani	UG	Wani North	Maharashtra
5	Ganpati	UG	Pench	Madhya Pradesh
6	Vishnupuri- I	UG	Pench	Madhya Pradesh
7	AB Incline	UG	Nagpur	Maharashtra

(e): CIL is examining the feasibility to restart some of the WCL mines through MDO (Mine developer and operator) mode. However, the decision in this regard would depend on estimation of balance coal reserve and other technical parameters including safety, for these mines by the Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI).

(f): There is no such proposal with the government.

(g): The PBT (Profit Before Tax) of WCL during the year 2020 - 21, was 352.56 Crores. WCL is working on increasing its coal production, and its tentative coal production plan in next 3 years is as under:

Year	Production (Million tonne)
2021-22	60.00
2022-23	62.00
2023-24	64.00
2024-25	70.00
