

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 389
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022**

CLOSED COAL MINES

***389. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:**

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

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to address the concerns of the closed coal mines in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the closed coal mines along with the plans of the Government for using them for alternative purposes?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (b) in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 389 for answer on 30.3.2022 asked by Dr. Vishnu Prasad M.K. regarding “Closed Coal Mines”.

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Details of closed/abandoned/discontinued coal mines in the country are as under:

Name of the Company	Number of closed/abandoned/ discontinued mines (as on 1.4.2021)
CIL Mines	
ECL	84
BCCL	42
CCL	29
NCL	1
WCL	56
SECL	66
MCL	2
NEC	4
SCCL Mines	
SCCL	9

These mines have been closed/abandoned/discontinued due to depletion of reserve, spontaneous heating, safety reasons, inundation, adverse techno-economics, financial losses, adverse geo-mining conditions, surface constraints, conversion to opencast mine, etc.

The abandoned quarries of CIL are used for the following purposes:

1. Dumping /Filling of fly ash into the worked out area for suitable reclamation.
2. Development of eco and mine tourism parks
3. Afforestation
4. Pisciculture
5. Source to supply of drinking water and other domestic use.
6. Generation of sand from overburden of opencast mines at few places

CIL is also exploring the possibilities to develop ground mounted solar power projects in its suitable decoaled area.

SCCL is taking up the following mine closure activities in these mines:

1. Extensive Plantation on overburden dumps and vacant lands as part of post closure reclamation works.
2. Developing agricultural fields, Eco-parks, fruit bearing and vegetable crops for the benefit of surrounding community.
3. Creating water bodies in the final voids which augment ground water recharge and also serve as source of water for agriculture, Dorli OC I, Dorli OC II.
4. It is proposed to fill the voids of Medipalli OCP after mine closure by fly ash generated from NTPC / TSTPS Project of Telangana State.
