

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 585
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022**

Open cast Coal Mines

585. SHRIMATI GOMATI SAI:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to restart the Gare Pelma 4/7 Karwahi open cast coal mines lying closed since 2015 in Raigarh district of Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the time by which it is likely to start functioning;
- (c) if not, the arrangements being made for the 117 employees who were appointed under the Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation policy and are unemployed currently; and
- (d) if not, the plan mooted to return the acquired land to those farmers?

ANSWER

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

a. and b. Gare Palma IV/7 coal block, situated in Raigarh district of Chhattisgarh has already been allocated to M/s Sarda Energy And Minerals Limited in first round of commercial auction. Vesting Order has been executed on March 08, 2021. Mine has already become operational since 16.11.2021 and actual production of coal has commenced from mine since 14.12.2021.

c. and d. Does not arise in view of reply above
