

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3206**  
ANSWERED ON 11.03.2026

**PRIVATISATION OF MINES**

3206. SHRI SHAFI PARAMBIL:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state?

- (a) whether the Government is planning to disinvest the existing public sector companies in mining sector and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the current profit of the public sector companies in mining; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to enhance efficiency of Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs) in mining?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES  
(SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY)

(a): There are three Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) viz. (i) National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO); (ii) Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL); and (iii) Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL) under the administrative control of the Ministry. Presently, the Ministry has no plan to disinvest in these PSUs

(b): Details of the profit after tax earned by these PSUs in last three Financial Years is as under:

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Profit After Tax (In Rs. Crore)		
		NALCO	HCL	MECL
1	2022-23	1,544	295	14
2	2023-24	2,060	295	70
3	2024-25	5,325	468	84

(c): The Government has introduced various transformative measures to increase mineral production and employment generation. Some of the key measures taken for enhancing efficiency of PSUs, includes the following :-

- (i) Adoption of modern technology, upgraded machinery, digital systems, and production processes, including remote operation and Paste Fill Technology for better ore recovery
- (ii) Public-Private Partnerships (PPP): Collaboration with private firms for technology, management practices, and investment
- (iii) Engagement of Mine Developer & Operator (MDO) and outsourcing of non-core activities
- (iv) Data-driven decision-making, Artificial Intelligence, and robust communication system including 5G network
- (v) Regular review of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to monitor efficiency
- (vi) Implementation of Star Rating of Mines to encourage modernisation with emphasis on sustainable mining

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