

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3123
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2015**

Closure of Coal Mines

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of coal mines/blocks in Chhattisgarh where production of coal is not taking place along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to end the lease contract of the coal mines closed due to non-availability of coal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any technique has been developed to restart the operation of coal mines closed due to non-availability of coal; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): List of Projects/Mines approved in South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) command area of Chhattisgarh State and coal production has not started due to the reasons as indicated against each.

Sl. No.	Name of Project/Mine	Reason for not starting production
01	Ketki UG	Forest clearance is pending in MoEF
02	Binkara UG	Land acquisition delayed due to non-cooperation of Villagers
03	Saraipali OC	Forest clearance is pending
04	Ambika OC	Under process of land acquisition and possession is under progress
05	Bijari OC RCE	Under process of land acquisition and possession is under progress
06	Kartali East OC	Under process of land acquisition and possession is under progress
07	Pelma OC	Under process of land acquisition and possession is under progress
08	Jagannathpur OC	Under process of land acquisition and possession is under progress
09	Chhal OC Seam III	Under process of land acquisition and possession is under progress
10	Amritdhara OC	Land acquisition under process
11	Durgapur OC	Land acquisition under process
12	Madannagar OC	Land acquisition under process

List of closed/abandoned/discontinued mines since nationalisation as on 1.4.15 (provisional) with reasons of closure against each is given below:

Sl. No.	Name of Mine	Type of Mine	Closed in	Reason of closure
1	Domnara OC	OC	93-94	Poor grade of coal
2	North Jhakrahand	UG	97-98	Exhaustion of Reserve
3	Pure Chirimiri	UG	75-76	Exhaustion of Reserve
4	Korba 1&2	UG	78-79	Exhaustion of Reserve
5	Korba 3&4	UG	80-81	Exhaustion of Reserve
6	Banki 5&6	UG	83-84	Exhaustion of Reserve
7	Banki 7&8	UG	89-90	Exhaustion of Reserve
8	South Jhakrahand-Old	UG	89-90	Exhaustion of Reserve
9	Rajgamar 8&9	UG	97-98	Exhaustion of Reserve
10	Mand	UG	97-98	Adverse geo-mining condition and poor grade of coal
11	Duman Hill	UG	2000-01	Exhaustion of Reserve
12	Sonawani	UG	2000-01	Exhaustion of Reserve
13	Korea	UG	2002-03	Exhaustion of Reserve
14	Jainagar old	UG	2004-05	Exhaustion of Reserve
15	West Chirimiri	UG	2004-05	Exhaustion of Reserve
16	South Jhakrahand 5&6	UG	2004-05	Exhaustion of Reserve
17	Kumda Old	UG	2007-08	Exhaustion of Reserve
18	Jainagar 5&6	UG	2009-10	Exhaustion of Reserve
19	Banki 9&10	UG	2009-10	Exhaustion of Reserve
20	Anjan Hill	UG	2010-11	Mine sealed off due to explosion on 6.5.2010.
21	Pawan Incline	UG	2011-12	Exhaustion of reserves
22	B. Seam	UG	2011-12	Discontinued, phasing out of manual loading
23	West Chirimiri	OC	2011-12	Exhaustion of reserves

(b) & (c): There is no such proposal at present.

(d) & (e): Restarting operation of mines is possible if it were closed due to safety and geo-technical reasons like adverse geo-mining condition, poor grade of coal etc. through modernization or adoption of suitable techniques if it is economical. But if the mines were closed due to exhaustion of resources, it is not reopened.

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