

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES**

**LOK SABHA
ADMITTED UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2493
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9.5.2016**

CHAPRI SIDHESWAR/RAKHA MINES

2493. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI::

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

- (a) whether the environmental clearance has been provided by the Government for Chapri Sidheswar and Rakha mines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the present status of the work at the said mines; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expedite the execution of the said mining projects?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES AND STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) & (b) Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) has received environmental clearance for Rakha and Chapri-Sidheswar mining projects from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on 1.08.2014 & 20.1.2015 respectively. Work at site for the Chapri-Sidheswar and Rakha mines projects located at Ghatsila, Jharkhand could not be started due to non-receipt of Stage-II of the forest clearance from the MoEFCC.

(c) The Ministry reviews the progress of mining projects of Public Sector Undertakings of the Ministry including Hindustan Copper Limited from time to time. The Ministry has written to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change to expedite Stage-II of forest clearance for Rakha and Chapri Sidheswar Mining project of HCL.
