

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*145  
ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024**

**Impact of closure of coal mines**

**†\*145. Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

- (a) the details of coal mines shut down and proposed to be shut down, State-wise, between 2021 to 2025;
- (b) the number of people affected by the closure of these mines, State-wise, in terms of employment loss, with separate details of its impact on male, female and Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe workers;
- (c) whether any alternate employment, compensation, or financial aid is being provided to those whose livelihood is affected by the closure of coal mines; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 145 ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024 ASKED BY SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI, HON'BLE MP REGARDING 'IMPACT OF CLOSURE OF COAL MINES'.**

(a): There are three coal companies under Minisry of Coal, namely Coal India Limited (CIL), Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited (NLCIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL). No mine has been shut down (closed) in Coal India Limited (CIL) from 2021 to till date as per the mine closure guidelines issued by Ministry of Coal. Further, the following mines of CIL have been proposed to be closed by 2025 as per the mine closure guidelines -

Company	Sl. No.	Name of Mine	State	Reason of Closure
WCL	1	Satpura-II ug	Madhya Pradesh	Exhaustion of reserves
	2	Pathakhera-I UG	Madhya Pradesh	
	3	New Majri-II UG	Maharashtra	
SECL	4	Pawan UG	Chhathishgarh	
	5	New Amlai UG	Madhya Pradesh	
MCL	6	Chhendipada OC	Odisha	

Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited (NLCIL) has so far not closed / proposed to close any operating mine between 2021 and 2025.

In case of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), following nine mines have been closed during 2021-24:

S No	Mine name	UG/OC	Year of closing	Reason of Closure
1	RK 8 Incline	UG	2020-21	Exhaustion of reserves
2	VK 7 Incline	UG	2020-21	Conversion to opencast mine
3	JVR OC I	OC	2020-21	Amalgamated to JVR OC
4	GDK 7 LEP	UG	2021-22	Exhaustion of reserves
5	BPA OC II	OC	2021-22	Exhaustion of reserves
6	Medapalli OC	OC	2021-22	Exhaustion of reserves
7	KK 1 Inc	UG	2023-24	Conversion to opencast mine
8	RK 1A Inc	UG	2023-24	Conversion to opencast mine
9	GK OC	OC	2023-24	Exhaustion of reserves

Further, the following two mines of SCCL are planned for closure during 2024-25:

S No	Mine name	UG/OC	Year of closing planned	Reasons
1	JK 5 OC	OC	2024-25	Exhaustion of reserves
2	RKP OC	OC	2024-25	Conversion to opencast mine

(b) to (d): No employee of CIL, SCCL and NLCIL has been laid off or rendered out of employment due to shut down or closure of any mine. Such employees posted in a mine at the time of its closure are transferred to other mines/ areas/ subsidiaries as per requirement for their gainful utilization. As such, the livelihood of the employees of coal mines is not affected due to closure of any mine.

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