

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1501
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REVIVAL OF HINDUSTAN COPPER LTD.
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revive the closed units of Hindustan Copper Limited located in Jharkhand in view of increase of prices of copper in the international market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (c): Hindustan Copper Limited, over a period of time, has closed down its five underground mines located at its Indian Copper Complex (ICC) unit in the State of Jharkhand, as operations were found to be unviable. There is no proposal to revive the closed mines of ICC unit. However, in case of Surda Mine, which is the last closed mine, it has been decided to transfer the mining lease to Workers` Cooperative formed by the separated employees of Surda mine.