

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3657  
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LOSSES TO HINDUSTAN COPPER LTD.  
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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) is incurring huge losses during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the profits and performance of HCL?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Hindustan Copper Limited(HCL) incurred losses from 1996-97 to 2003-04. Details of losses incurred by HCL during the last three years is as follows:-

(in Rs. crore)

Year	Net Loss
2001-02	184.04
2002-03	147.70
2003-04	56.16

(c) Some of the steps taken by the Government to improve the performance of HCL are as follows:-

- i) Closure of unviable mines.
- ii) Reduction of surplus manpower through Voluntary Retirement Scheme with the fund provided by the Government as grants-in-aid.
- iii) Provision of Government guarantee for raising working capital loan.
- iv) Provision of plan fund in the form of equity for replacement & renewal activities.
- v) Waiver of outstanding interest on Government loan.
- vi) Conversion of Government loan into preference capital.

HCL has posted a net profit of Rs.52.06 crores during 2004-05 and the trend has been sustained in 2005-06.