

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA**

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VRS IN BALCO
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of employees of BALCO who opted for VRS from the year 2001 to 31.03.2004;
- (b) whether a huge number of SC/ST/OBC and other category of employees of BALCO have been retrenched after privatisation;
- (c) if so, the category-wise details thereof;
- (d) whether BALCO is making profits after privatisation;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and comparative details of the losses incurred from 2001 to 2004;
- (f) whether the BALCO is still paying a certain amount to Government;
- (g) if so, the amount received by the Government during the last three years; and
- (h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) As per information furnished by Bharat Aluminium Company Limited(BALCO), from the year 2001 and upto 31.3.2004, out of a total of 2740 employees who opted for VRS, 2207 have been released.

(b) & (c) BALCO has informed that no employee of BALCO whether SC/ST/OBC or any other category has been retrenched after disinvestment and transfer of management control on 2.3.2001.

(d)& (e) Except for the financial year ended 31.3.2001, BALCO has been consistently making profits after disinvestment. The profits/(loss) of BALCO after disinvestment upto 2003-04 is as under:

(Rs in lakh)

Year ended	Profit/(Loss)after tax
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31.3.2001	(4303.61)
31.3.2002	1875.93
31.3.2003	6449.26
31.3.2004	6748.27

BALCO workers proceeded on 67 days strike against the disinvestment of BALCO on 3rd March, 2001, resulting in fall in production and sales consequently resulting in a loss in the year ended 31.3.2001 and marginal profit for the year ended 31.3.2002.

(f) to (h) No dividend was recommended for the years ended 31.3.2001, 31.3.2002 and 31.3.2003 in view of the loss due to the impact of the 67 days strike at the Company's plant at Korba and its Mines. BALCO has declared dividend @ 5% for the year ended 31.3.2004 and an amount of Rs. 5,40,53,002.50 has been paid to the Government of India.