

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

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PROPOSAL FOR COAL MINING WORKS IN BHANDARIA
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for coal mining works in Bhandaria (Vinda Vihar) under the Palamu Commissioner and Lohada in the Pahan Block of the Jharkhand State;
- (b) if so, the details and time schedule thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES(Dr. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): There is no proposal for coal mining in Bhandaria under the Palamau commissioner. Lohada in Pahan block of the Jharkhand state could not be located. However, there is a place Lohanda in Lohari geological block in Daltonganj coalfield, which is near Patan. Lohari block is a non-Coal India Limited block, which has been identified as a captive block .

(c): Bhandaria under the Palamau commissioner is located in remote isolated forest areas. Regional exploration has revealed that the seams occurring in this place are thin and of inferior quality where systematic and scientific mining is not possible.