

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many copper production units are lying closed in various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of expenditure incurred by the Government on maintenance and wages of employees of such closed units;
- (d) the action taken by the Government to re-open these closed copper production units including Ghatshila Copper Unit; and
- (e) the reasons for delay in opening these units?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Mines does not centrally maintain any information on closed copper producing units in various states. So far Ghatshila Copper unit which is owned by M/s. Hindustan Copper Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of Ministry of Mines is concerned, it is operational.