

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:303

ANSWERED ON:22.12.2004

ADVERSE EFFECT OF DISINVESTMENT IN MINING SECTOR

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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the adverse effect of disinvestment in Mining sector has rendered a number of persons unemployed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any review has been done in this regard;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO.303 SLATED FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON THE 22ND DECEMBER, 2004 ASKED BY S/SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD AND SUNIL KUMAR MAHATO REGARDING ADVERSE EFFECT OF DISINVESTMENT IN MINING SECTOR.

(a): Out of the Public Sector Undertakings, under the administrative control of this Ministry, only two units namely, Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) and Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) have been disinvested on 02.03.2001 and 28.03.2002, respectively, and in none of the units any retrenchment/layoff has taken place.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Labour had constituted a Committee, comprising of officials of Ministry of Labour, Department of Disinvestment and Trade Union leaders, to assess whether there has been any retrenchment/layoff post disinvestment in BALCO. The Committee vide its report submitted in September 2004 did not find any instance of retrenchment/layoff in BALCO post-disinvestment and the allegation of retrenchment could not be substantiated.

(e): Does not arise.