

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1241
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CLOSURE OF GIRIDIH PROJECT OF CCL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the coal plant under Giridih project of Central Coalfields Limited remains closed for a very long time;
- (b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is a huge demand of hard coke and the plant may earn huge profit and employment in a large scale; and
- (d) if so, details of the action taken/being taken by the Government in this connection?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (DR. DASARI NARA YANA RAO)

- (a) Yes sir, the coke oven plant under Central Coalfields Limited is not operative since June, 1999.
- (b) The decision to close the Coke Oven Plant was taken on the basis of:

- (i) Higher cost of production,
- (ii) Non-availability of required coking coal

(c)&(d) There is a demand of hard coke, but due to non-availability of required coking coal and higher cost of production, the Giridih Coke Oven Plant was closed down in June 1999. Resumption of production in the plant is not economical and feasible inspite of said demand due to above mentioned reasons.