

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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COPPER MINING IN TELANGANA
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there had been a proposal for copper mining at Kothagudam and Sattupalli area of Telangana State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is planning for exploration of copper in these areas during the current year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which mining of copper in the said area is likely to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES, STEEL AND LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) & (b): There is no proposal at present for copper mining at Kothagudam and Sattupalli areas of Telangana State. However, M/s Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation (APMDC) had started copper mining in Mailaram village, about 25 km. from Kothagudam town in Khammam district in 1976 under special permission from the Government of Andhra Pradesh and completed the project in 1982 with a capacity to produce 100 tonnes of copper ore from mines and process to produce 4-5 tonnes of concentrates per day with 25% copper. The mine had produced 16,000 tonnes of copper ore and 408.855 tonnes of copper concentrate from 1981-82 to 1987-88. The APMDC is not operating the mine and plant from 18.5.1987 citing the reason as serious financial problems.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.