

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3549
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.04.2023

Coal Mines

3549 Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal:

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

(a) whether Government has data on the number of operational and discarded coal mines in the country, State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether Government has data on the number of rat hole mines that have come up in the country over the past three years, details thereof;

(c) whether Government has data on the number of complaints received on the Khanan Prahari app to report incidents of illegal mining, details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to keep a check on the overloading of trucks with coal beyond permissible limit and to limit the violation of law, details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a): The number of operational and closed/suspended/discontinued mines in the country as on 01.04.2022, state-wise, are as under:

State/ Union Territory (UT)	Functional Coal Mines	Closed/Suspended/discontinued mines
West Bengal	70	79
Jharkhand	107	69
Madhya Pradesh	55*	75
Uttar Pradesh	02	0
Chhattisgarh	49	41
Odisha	22	09
Telangana	43	17
Maharashtra	50	22
Assam	01	06
J&K	01	0
Total	400	318

*3 Mines common in UP and MP are shown in Madhya Pradesh.

(b): No Rat holes mining is being done in any coal mine of CIL and its subsidiaries, SCCL and NLCIL.

(c): As per the information available on the Coal Mine Surveillance and management System (CMSMS) portal, total number of complaints generated through Khanan Prahari mobile app are 473 in respect of CIL. In respect of NLCIL, no complaint of illegal mining incidents has been reported through this app. SCCL is not using this app and there is no incident of illegal mining.

(d): In CIL, the issue of overloading of trucks with coal beyond permissible limit is dealt as per the terms and conditions stipulated in the Contract Management Manual (CMM). In SCCL, pre-Weigh bin Truck Loading system is being practiced to prevent over loading of trucks. In NLCIL, Talabira OCM, the maximum weight is fixed through a robust software application named Integrated Mines and Mineral management System.
