

SUB: MINING CLOSURE AND ITS IMPACT.

**UNSTARRED LAQ No. 40, TABLED BY SHRI ALEIXO LOURENCO, SHRI
FRANCISCO SILVEIRA MLA'S, TO BE ANSWERED ON 04/02/2020.**

QUESTION	ANSWER
WILL the Minister for Mines & Geology be pleased to state:	By Shri Pramod Sawant, Minister for Mines & Geology:
(a) whether the Director of Mines and Geology has carried out the survey to ascertain the number of people unemployed due to closure of mining in accordance with the assurance given in the House; if so, the status of the survey; if not, the reason for not fulfilling the Government assurance;	Sir, the issue with regards to employees/labour is within domain of Central Labour Department, GOI. As such no survey is conducted in this regards, by State Government. However, based on the information furnished by few erstwhile mining leaseholders, direct employees dependent on mining as per present records available are 3969, and indirect employees are not ascertained.
(b) the status of e auctioning of iron ore dumps as on date with details thereof;	With regards to the e-auctioning of dumps the same is sub-judice before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter pertaining to WP(C) 435 of 2012.
(c) whether the Government proposes to start the actual mining operations in the State; the time required by the Government to start mining activities with details;	Yes. Review Petitions are filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court for review of Order passed on 07 th February 2018; so as to resume the mining operations in the State. The resumption of mining operations will be exclusively based on the Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the said review petition, thus the State Government cannot ascertain how much time it will take for re-starting of mining operations.
(d) the total amount paid to mining workers as compensation due to closure of mining activities as on date with details thereof;	the total amount paid to mining workers as compensation due to closure of mining activities as on date with details is furnished herewith as 'ANNEXURE-A'
(e) whether the Government proposes to provide alternate employment to the people depending on mining;	The Government is making all efforts for early resumption of mining in the State. However, the same is possible only after the outcome of the Review Petitions.
(f) the total amount of loans of truck owners, machinery owners like JCB engaged in mining that have been compensated by the State with details like name of various recipients, amount paid against loans category-wise; and	the total amount of loans of truck owners, machinery owners like JCB engaged in mining that have been compensated by the State with details like name of various recipients, amount paid against loans category-wise is furnished herewith as 'ANNEXURE-B'
(g) the road map to start mining as soon as possible in the State with details thereof?	The State Government is pursuing legislative as well as judicial options for restarting of mining in Goa.

