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- Vedanta is one of the mining companies with the highest proportion of its profits in tax havens.
- An estimated 100 people were killed at Vedanta's Korba factory in Chhattisgarh, India, when a chimney collapsed on them.
- Vedanta used bribery, state-collusion, harassment and murder to try to force its Niyamgiri hill mine through against the will of the Dongria Kond tribe who live exclusively there and to whom the mountain is sacred. Their failure, and loss of \$10 billion, is a testament to the power of peaceful grassroots action and an inspiration to the world.
- In Goa, India, Vedanta subsidiary Sesa Goa's operations were stopped after it emerged that they exported 150 million tonnes of iron ore in 2010/11 while only declaring 76 million, their agreed export allowance.
- Vedanta are being investigated in India for their large donations to the two main political parties as well as their involvement in two major scandals involving allocation of coal blocks and illegal mining.

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