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MINE ACCIDENTS AND LOSS OF LIVES

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of accidents and loss of lives in mines and coal mines across the country during the last three years, mine, State and mineral-wise;
- (b) the details of the causes of such accidents, including roof falls, explosions, inundation, fires, slope failures, machinery-related accidents, transportation mishaps and other safety-related incidents along with the action taken against the mine operators found responsible;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any review of the implementation of mine safety standards and the effectiveness of inspections carried out by the Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) and other competent authorities and if so, the details and findings thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen mine safety through modern technologies such as real-time monitoring systems, artificial intelligence, drones, gas detection systems, remote-operated equipment and enhanced enforcement mechanisms to prevent recurrence of such accidents and safeguard the lives of mine workers?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES
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(a): Details of accidents and loss of lives in mines, including coal mines, across the country during the last three years are given in **Annexure-I**.

(b): There are various reasons of such accidents; fall from height; flying pieces and explosive accidents; landslides; breakage of ropes, chains and suspension gear; dumper and drilling machine-related accidents; and accidents involving power cables etc. The action on mine-operators is taken as per the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSH&WC) Code, 2020 and the rules framed thereunder.

(c) & (d): Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) has been entrusted the task of inspection of mines to ensure the compliance of the provisions of OSH&WC Code, 2020

for enhancing the safety of mine workers. Accordingly, DGMS has taken various steps to reduce the fatalities in mines and enforce the safety of workers engaged therein, which *inter-alia* include conducting regular enquiries into the accidents and dangerous occurrences to ascertain cause and circumstances, regular inspection of mines, development of standard protocols, holding national conferences on safety in mines, observance of safety weeks, campaigns, awareness etc.

Further, the OSH&WC Code, 2020 regulates working conditions and workplace environments to safeguard the health, safety and well-being of workers including mine workers. Various provisions have been made by the Government to strengthen mine safety, prevent recurrence of accidents and safeguard the lives of mine workers such as:

- (i) to design, plan, work a mine including scientific method of work, pit slope, dump slope, Strata Control and Monitoring Plan (SCAMP) as defined by the scientific study.
- (ii) for the introduction of new method, new technology, equipment and systems for enhanced safety and production through Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) / Code of Practice (COP).
- (iii) for incorporating risk-based safety management plan for promoting self-regulation specific to individual mines on the basis of identified hazards for mitigating the risk through the control measures.
- (iv) for emergency response and evacuation plan to deal with accident/ emergencies.

Details of accidents in coal mines:

YEAR	STATE	FATAL ACCIDENT	FATALITY	SERIOUS ACCIDENT	INJURED
2023	Chhattisgarh	2	2	12	13
2023	Gujarat	0	0	2	2
2023	Jharkhand	11	12	16	18
2023	Madhya Pradesh	2	2	5	5
2023	Maharashtra	3	3	2	2
2023	Odisha	6	8	1	4
2023	Tamil Nadu	1	1		0
2023	Telangana	6	6	67	67
2023	Uttar Pradesh	2	2	8	12
2023	West Bengal	5	5	4	7
2023 Total		38	41	117	130
2024	Chhattisgarh	6	6	10	10
2024	Gujarat	1	1	1	1
2024	Jharkhand	3	3	6	7
2024	Madhya Pradesh	7	8	6	11
2024	Maharashtra	2	2	4	4
2024	Odisha	3	3	2	2
2024	Tamil Nadu	2	2	2	2
2024	Telangana	7	8	86	86
2024	Uttar Pradesh	3	4	0	0
2024	West Bengal	4	12	2	3
2024 Total		38	49	119	126
2025	Chhattisgarh	6	7	6	8
2025	Gujarat			1	1
2025	Jharkhand	15	22	12	16
2025	Madhya Pradesh	4	6	9	10
2025	Maharashtra	2	2	7	7
2025	Odisha	4	4	3	3
2025	Telangana	3	3	80	82
2025	Uttar Pradesh	2	2	1	1
2025	West Bengal	5	5	0	0
2025 Total		41	51	119	128

Details of accidents in Non-coal mines:

YEAR	STATE	FATAL ACCIDENT	FATALITY	SERIOUS ACCIDENT	INJURED
2023	Andhra Pradesh	3	4	0	1
2023	Assam	0	0	3	3
2023	Chhattisgarh	2	2	0	0
2023	Gujarat	0	0	2	2
2023	Jharkhand	1	1	3	3
2023	Karnataka	3	3	5	6
2023	Madhya Pradesh	5	5	2	5
2023	Maharashtra	2	4	4	6
2023	Odisha	1	1	7	7
2023	Rajasthan	4	6	9	9
2023	Tamil Nadu	2	2	0	0
2023	Telangana	2	2	0	0
2023	Uttar Pradesh	3	3	0	1
2023 Total		28	33	35	43
2024	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	4	4
2024	Assam	1	1	2	2
2024	Chhattisgarh	1	1	3	3
2024	Jharkhand	3	4	4	8
2024	Karnataka	5	6	4	9
2024	Madhya Pradesh	4	5	4	6
2024	Maharashtra	2	2	1	3
2024	Odisha	4	4	7	8
2024	Rajasthan	7	8	2	15
2024	Tamil Nadu	2	2	0	1
2024	Telangana	1	1	0	0
2024	Uttar Pradesh	3	6	0	0
2024 Total		33	40	31	59
2025	Andhra Pradesh	4	12	3	9
2025	Assam	2	2	3	4
2025	Chhattisgarh	1	1	4	4
2025	Gujarat	1	1	1	1
2025	Jharkhand	2	3	3	3
2025	Karnataka	7	7	3	9
2025	Kerala	2	3	0	0
2025	Madhya Pradesh	4	5	4	17
2025	Maharashtra	1	2	2	3
2025	Odisha	4	4	2	2

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2025	Rajasthan	4	4	3	3
2025	Tamil Nadu	2	2	0	0
2025	Tripura	1	1	1	1
2025	Uttar Pradesh	6	13	1	3
2025	West Bengal	2	3	0	0
2025 Total		43	63	30	59