

(a) whether the large corpus of Employee's Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is presently invested in Government securities and sovereign guaranteed PSU instruments to ensure a steady and no-risk return;

(b) whether out of this corpus only a 'Defined pension' is paid out every year, leaving out an annual accretion of around Rs. 1.5 lakh crores, which forms a pooled fund; and

(c) whether Government would venture to start a pilot project with a nominal investment from the pooled fund to foray into capital market and consider future expansion on the outcome of the pilot project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pension Fund is a pooled fund which has the following two sources of funding:

- (i) Diversion of 8.33% of the wages, dearness allowance and retaining allowance of each member of the pension fund from and out of the Employer's contribution of 12% (of wages, dearness allowance and retaining allowance, if any) as provided in Section 6 of the Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provision Act, 1952;
- (ii) The Central Government also contributes into the fund @ 1.16% of the pay (upto wage ceiling of Rs. 6500/-) of the members of the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995.

Pension and withdrawal benefits are paid to members/pensioners of Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 as per provisions of Para 12 of Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 and all such benefits are paid from and out of the pooled Employees' Pension Fund.

(c) Investment of fund is done as per the Pattern of Investment notified by Ministry of Labour & Employment from time to time. As per existing Pattern of Investment, investment in capital market is allowed but only in debt segment and no investment is allowed to be made in equity.

#### **Accidental deaths of contract/migrant workers in Odisha**

1625. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 124 workers including some foreign engineers died in the Bhusan Steel Plant accident in Dhenkanal district in Odisha which is being suppressed by the management and the administration and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many labourers are dying in Central Public Sector Units like Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited (MCL), National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), Kaniha and Talcher, Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) and various private steel, power and cement industries for not maintaining the safety standards; and

(c) whether Government has any statistics and information of the total contract labourers and migrant labourers who have died in Odisha in last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH): (a) As per information received from Directorate of Factories and Boilers, Government of Odisha, 03 (three) workers have died and 28 (twenty-eights) injured due to explosion in Slag Dry Pit of newly installed Blast Furnace No. 2. The details of the fatal & injured persons on 13.11.2013 in M/s. Bhushan Steel Limited Dhenkanal is given in Statement-I (*See below*).

(b) The fatal accidents occurred in coal mines of Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited (MCL) during the last 3 years and the current year is given in Statement-II. (*See below*). Details of accidents occurred in the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), Kaniha and Talcher, Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) and various private steel, power and cement industries are given in Statement-III (*See below*).

(c) The details of all workers including the contract/migrant labourers who died in last three years in different registered factories under the Factories Act, 1948 of the State of Odisha are given in Statement-IV. (*See below*) The statistics of accidents and fatality to contract workers in mines registered under the Mines Act, 1952 in State of Odisha during the last 3 years and the current year are given in Statement-V.

***Statement-I***

*The details of fatal & injured persons on 13.11.2013 in  
M/s. Bhushan Steel Ltd., Dhenkanal*

Sl. No.	Accidents	Name
1	2	3
1	Fatal	Damodar Hansada

1	2	3
2		Saroj Dehury
3		Durga Charan Hansada
1	Non Fatal	Tanmaya Mandal
2		Rama Chandra Nayak
3		Kabira Chandra Lenka
4		Ripan Sutradhar
5		Satyaswarup Sahoo
6		Chittaranjan Sahoo
7		Brahmananda Nayak
8		Dillip Ku Mahato
9		Balaram Sahu
10		Prakash Yadav
11		Santosh Sahu
12		Kailash Mandal
13		Arjuna Sahu
14		Sailesh Chaubey
15		Pabitra Baral
16		S. K. Dey
17		Susanta Kumar Das
18		Bijay Pradhan
19		Khitish Kumar Sahu
20		Baibhaba Srivastav
21		R. P. Singh
22		Biswaranjan Nayak
23		Bimsen Mahanta
24		Ram Munda

1	2	3
25		Bhuban Naik
26		Mr. Murthy
27		Umakanta Nayak
28		Chaitanya Nayak

***Statement-II***

*Details of fatalities in coal mines registered under the Mines Act, 1952 in Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	02
2011	04
2012	02
2013	04

***Statement-III***

*Details of fatalities from 2010 to till date in TSTPS, NTPC, Dipsikha, Kaniha, Angul*

Year	No. of fatalities
2011	01

*TTPS, NTPC, Talcher Thermal, Aneul*

Year	No. of fatalities
2012	01

*Rourkela Steel Plant, Rourkela, Sundargarh*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	04
2011	05
2012	05
2013	02

*Adhunik Metallics Ltd, Sundargarh*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	03
2011	02
2012	01

*Bhaskar Steel & Ferro Alloys Ltd., Sundargarh*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	01
2011	00
2012	01

*Zion Steel Ltd., Sundargarh*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	01
2011	00
2012	01

*OCL Iron & Steel Ltd. Raigangpur, Sundargarh*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	00
2011	00
2012	00
2013	01

*OCL India Ltd. Cement Works, Raigangpur*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	01
2011	00
2012	01

*Bhushan Steel Ltd., Dhenkanal*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	09
2011	09
2012	05
2013	13

*GMR Kamalanga Energy Ltd., Dhenkanal*

Year	No. of fatalities
2013	01

*Jindal Steel & Power Ltd., Angul*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	00
2011	02
2012	05
2013	03

*Bhushan Energy Ltd., Angul*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	00
2011	01
2012	01

*Ardent Steel Pvt. Ltd., Keonjhar*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	00
2011	01

*Beekay Steel & Alloys Ltd., Keonjhar*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	00
2011	01

*Shyam Metallics & Energy Ltd., Sambalpur*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	02
2011	01
2012	00
2013	03

*Bhushan Power & Steel Ltd., Sambalpur*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	07
2011	01
2012	07
2013	04

*Hindalco Industries Ltd., Hirakud Power, Sambalapur*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	01
2011	01
2012	00
2013	01

*MSP Metallics Ltd., Jharsuguda*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	07
2011	02

*Aryan Ispat & Power Ltd., Sambalpur*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	02
2011	00
2012	00
2013	01

*ACC Ltd., Bargarh Cement Works, Bargarh*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	00
2011	00
2012	00
2013	01

*SPS Steel & Power Ltd., Jharsuguda*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	02
2011	00
2012	03

*IB Thermal Power Station, Jharsuguda*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	00
2011	01

*Action Ispat & Power Ltd., Jharsuguda*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	03
2011	02
2012	00
2013	02

*SMC Power Generation Ltd., Hirma, Jharsuguda*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	01
2011	00
2012	00
2013	00

*Visa Steel Ltd., Jaipur*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	02
2011	01
2012	00
2013	00

*Mid-East Integrated Steels Ltd., Jaipur*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	00
2011	01
2012	01

*JSL, Stainless Ltd., Jaipur*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	01
2011	03
2012	01
2013	01



*Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd, Jaipur*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	04
2011	01
2012	02
2013	01

*Aarati Steel Ltd., Cuttack*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	01
2011	00
2012	00
2013	00

*Minakhee Power Ltd., Udayagiri, Malkangiri*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	01
2011	00
2012	00
2013	00

*Statement-IV*

*The details of the fatal accidents in the registered factories  
under the Factories Act, 1948*

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	102
2011	60
2012	78
2013	54

***Statement-V******Details of fatalities (of Contract workers) in coal mines of Odisha***

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	01
2011	03
2012	01
2013	01

***Details of fatalities (of Contract workers) in non-coal mines of Odisha***

Year	No. of fatalities
2010	00
2011	00
2012	00
2013	01

Note: Data for the year 2012 & 2013 are provisional.  
Data for the year 2013 are upto 31.10.2013.

**Rate of employment growth vis-a-vis population growth**

1626. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the employment growth rate is lower than the population growth in the country;
- (b) the rate of employment growth and population growth during the last five years; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to address this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH): (a) and (b) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO). Last such survey was conducted during