

Displacement of people due to mining

76. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of individuals displaced due to mining in the country at present;
- (b) whether displaced individuals have been awarded compensation/rehabilitation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Ministry has ensured alternative livelihood development and skill development for displaced individuals; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (e) The State Governments grant mineral concessions for the minerals located within their respective boundaries under the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Act, 1957 and rules made thereunder. The information regarding the total number of individuals displaced due to mining in the country is not maintained by the Ministry of Mines. The Central Government has formulated Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY) which is implemented through the District Mineral Foundations (DMFs) established in mining affected Districts in the States. The projects implemented under PMKKKY will help create a congenial mining environment, improve the living standard of the affected persons in the area. The details of PMKKKY can be accessed online at <https://mitra.ibm.gov.in/pmkkky/Pages/Index.aspx>.

Rat hole mining in Meghalaya

77. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the time when the centre got information from Meghalaya State Government regarding the workers trapped in the rat hole mine;
- (b) the steps taken by Central Government immediately after it got the information regarding the tragedy;
- (c) the reason behind the failure of Government in providing high power pump at the earliest to drain out water from the mine;
- (d) whether Government has done any effort to find out countries that have infrastructure and expertise to save lives trapped in such mines; and