

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 653
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8-2-2021

Accidents in coal mines

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons who have died due to accidents in coal mines;
- (b) the details of insurance provided to miners;
- (c) whether insurance is compulsory for miners in private mines; and
- (d) the mechanism followed by Government to enforce the stipulations?

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) As informed by Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), Details of persons who have died of accidents in coal mines is given at Annexure.

(b): In CIL and its subsidiaries employees of CIL & its subsidiaries and workers engaged by the registered contractors, who expire while in service or due to fatal mine accident are eligible for compensation as given below:

- (i.) For Non-Executive cadre employees of CIL and its subsidiaries
 - a. An amount of ₹ 1,25,000 under the life cover scheme.
 - b. Gratuity upto ₹ 20 Lakhs as per Payment of Gratuity Act w.e.f 29.03.2018.
 - c. Provident Fund under the CMPF.
 - d. Contributory Pension under Coal Mines Pension Scheme, 1998.
 - e. Payment of leave encashment and other dues
 - f. Compassionate Employment / Monetary Compensation in lieu of employment, is provided to the dependent of deceased employee.

(ii.) For Workers of registered contractors in CIL and its subsidiaries, Provident Fund under the EPF / CMPF to eligible contractors' workers.

In addition, the following payments are also made to the dependents in case of fatal mine accidents:

- (i.) For Non-Executive cadre employees of CIL and its subsidiaries
 - a. Monetary compensation under the Employees Compensation Act,1923.
 - b. Apart from that, the Company provides additional ₹ 90,000 as Ex-gratia
 - c. In addition to ex-gratia, an amount of ₹ 15 lakh is paid to the next of kin of an employee.

- (ii) For Workers of registered contractors in CIL and its subsidiaries
- Monetary compensation under Employees Compensation Act,1923.
 - Ex-gratia of ₹ 15 lakhs to the dependent of the deceased.

(c): Insurance is not compulsory in private mines however provisions of Employees Compensation Act,1923 is mandatory.

(d): Employees Compensation Act,1923 is enforced through Chief Labour Commissioner under Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India.

Annexure

Details persons died between 1.1.2019 and 30.11.2020 (as informed by DGMS)

OWNER	Cause	No. of Fatal accidents	No. of person killed	No. serious accidents	No. of person injured
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	Fall of Roof	0	0	1	1
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	Breakage of Rope, Chain, Craw/Suspn. Gear	1	1	0	0
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	Falls of Persons from Cages, Skip etc.	1	1	0	0
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	Conveyors	1	1	0	0
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	Dumpers	3	3	0	0
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	Loading Machines	1	1	0	0
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	Other Heavy Earth Moving Machinery	0	0	1	1
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	Other Non-Transportation Machinery	0	0	1	1
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	Deep Hole Blasting Projectiles	1	1	0	0
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	Overhead Lines	0	0	1	1
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	Fall of Person from Height/into Depth	0	0	2	2
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	Drowning in Water	1	1	0	0
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	Unclassified	0	0	1	1
Central Coalfields Ltd.	Other Heavy Earth Moving Machinery	1	1	0	0
Central Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Person from Height/into Depth	1	1	1	1
Central Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Objects incl. Rolling Objects	0	0	1	1

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Central Coalfields Ltd.	Drowning in Water	0	0	1	1
Central Coalfields Ltd.	Unclassified	1	1	0	0
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Roof	1	1	1	1
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Overhangs	2	2	0	0
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Rope Haulage	0	0	1	1
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Loading Machines	1	1	1	1
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Other Heavy Earth Moving Machinery	1	1	0	0
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Other Non-Transportation Machinery	0	0	2	2
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Switch Gears, Gate End Boxes, Pommel, etc.	1	1	0	0
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Person from Height/into Depth	2	2	8	8
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Persons on the Same Level	1	1	0	0
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Objects incl. Rolling Objects	0	0	1	1
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Irruption of Water	0	0	1	5
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Drowning in Water	1	1	0	0
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Unclassified	0	0	3	3
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Roof	1	1	0	0
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	Landslide	1	4	0	0
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	Dumpers	1	1	1	1
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	Wheeled Trackless(Truck, Tanker, etc.)	3	3	0	0
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	Drilling Machines	1	1	0	0
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	Shovel, Draglines, Frontend Loader, etc.	0	0	1	1
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	Other Heavy Earth Moving Machinery	2	2	0	0
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	Solid Blasting Projectiles	0	0	1	1
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	Overhead Lines	1	1	0	0

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Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Person from Height/into Depth	1	1	0	0
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Objects incl. Rolling Objects	1	1	0	0
Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	Other Accidents due to Falls	0	0	1	1
Northern Coalfields Ltd.	Dumpers	3	3	2	2
Northern Coalfields Ltd.	Wheeled Trackless(Truck, Tanker, etc.)	1	1	0	0
Northern Coalfields Ltd.	Other Electrical Accidents	0	0	1	2
Northern Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Person from Height/into Depth	1	1	0	0
Northern Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Objects incl. Rolling Objects	0	0	2	2
Northern Coalfields Ltd.	Unclassified	0	0	1	1
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Roof	1	2	1	1
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Sides (Other than Overhangs)	1	1	0	0
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Conveyors	1	1	0	0
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Wagon Movements	1	1	0	0
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Wheeled Trackless(Truck, Tanker, etc.)	4	4	1	1
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Other Heavy Earth Moving Machinery	2	2	3	3
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Other Non-Transportation Machinery	0	0	3	3
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Misfires/Sockets(While Drilling into)	0	0	1	1
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Misfire/Socket(Other than Drilling into)	1	1	0	0
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Other Electrical Accidents	0	0	1	1
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Person from Height/into Depth	1	1	4	4
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Objects incl. Rolling Objects	0	0	1	1
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Drowning in Water	1	1	0	0
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	Unclassified	2	2	2	2
Western Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Roof	1	1	1	1

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Western Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Sides (Other than Overhangs)	0	0	1	1
Western Coalfields Ltd.	Dumpers	0	0	2	3
Western Coalfields Ltd.	Loading Machines	0	0	1	1
Western Coalfields Ltd.	Other Non-Transportation Machinery	1	1	1	1
Western Coalfields Ltd.	Other Explosive Accidents	0	0	1	1
Western Coalfields Ltd.	Switch Gears, Gate End Boxes, Pommel, etc.	0	0	1	1
Western Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Person from Height/into Depth	0	0	3	3
Western Coalfields Ltd.	Fall of Objects incl. Rolling Objects	1	1	1	1
Western Coalfields Ltd.	Other Accidents due to Falls	0	0	1	1
Western Coalfields Ltd.	Buried in Sands, etc.	1	1	0	0
Western Coalfields Ltd.	Unclassified	1	2	1	1
Gujarat Mineral Development Corpn. Ltd.	Wheeled Trackless(Truck, Tanker, etc.)	0	0	1	1
Indian Iron & Steel Company Ltd.	Fall of Sides (Other than Overhangs)	1	1	0	0
Indian Iron & Steel Company Ltd.	Air Blast	0	0	1	1
Indian Iron & Steel Company Ltd.	Fall of Person from Height/into Depth	1	1	0	0
Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.	Dumpers	1	1	0	0
Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.	Drowning in Water	1	1	0	0
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Fall of Roof	1	1	5	6
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Fall of Sides (Other than Overhangs)	0	0	8	8
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Hit by Cages, Skip etc.	0	0	3	3
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Rope Haulage	2	2	20	20
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Conveyors	1	1	4	4
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Dumpers	1	1	1	1
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Wagon Movements	1	1	0	0
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Wheeled Trackless(Truck, Tanker,	3	3	3	3

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	etc.)				
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Drilling Machines	0	0	1	1
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Loading Machines	0	0	3	3
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Shovel, Draglines, Frontend Loader, etc.	0	0	1	1
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Other Heavy Earth Moving Machinery	0	0	3	3
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Other Non-Transportation Machinery	0	0	10	10
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Secondary Blasting Projectiles	1	4	0	0
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Overhead Lines	0	0	1	1
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Other Electrical Accidents	0	0	1	1
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Fall of Person from Height/into Depth	2	2	51	51
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Fall of Persons on the Same Level	0	0	2	2
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Fall of Objects incl. Rolling Objects	1	1	28	28
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Drowning in Water	1	1	0	0
Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.	Unclassified	4	4	33	33
Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.	Fall of Overhangs	1	1	0	0
Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.	Other Non-Transportation Machinery	0	0	1	1
Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.	Fall of Person from Height/into Depth	0	0	3	3
Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.	Fall of Objects incl. Rolling Objects	0	0	1	1
M/S HINDALCO INDUSTRIES LTD.	Dumpers	1	1	0	0
BHARAT ALLUMINIUM CO. LTD.	Other Heavy Earth Moving Machinery	1	1	0	0