

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1455
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021

Hardship faced by workers in coal mines

**1455. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:
SHRI SANJAY SETH:**

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of workers engaged in manual work and on machines in coal companies, company-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the quantity of coal produced manually and through machines separately during the last three years and the current year, company-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the details of problems/hardships being faced by the labourers/workers in the coal mines and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to improve their condition; and
- (d) whether Government has taken any step for the security of coal mine workers who remain exposed to grave danger at the time of mining and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): The number of workers working in the subsidiaries of Coal India Limited (CIL) states-wise and company-wise as on 01.07.21 is given as Annexure-A. In CIL & its subsidiaries, except Central Coalfields Ltd (CCL), no manual work is undertaken for production of coal whereas in CCL, out of 34,378 workers, 206 are engaged manually in production of coal. Under NLC India Ltd (NLCIL), in Talabira II & III coal mine, located in the state of Odisha, 188 number of workers are engaged by the Mine Developer and Operator (MDO) for coal extraction through Surface Miner machines. No manual work is being carried out in Talabira II & III mine. Information with regard to Private coal companies is not available.

(b): Subsidiary-wise, State-wise manual and mechanized raw coal production of Coal India Limited and NLCIL during the last three years and the current year is given as Annexure-B.

(c): No problems/hardship are faced by the labourers/workers in the coal mines as the companies give utmost priority in providing all the Statutory and Non- Statutory welfare amenities at mines and working places.

(d): All mines of CIL and its subsidiaries are operated by adhering all the relevant provisions made under various applicable statutes for ensuring mine safety. Further, the stipulated conditions as stated in the Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) permission for work in mine are also complied.

ANNEXURE-A TO RSUQ NO. 1455 for reply on 02.08.2021

Employees working in the subsidiaries of CIL located in different States as on 01.07.2021		
Subsidiary	State	No. of workers in CIL & its subsidiaries
ECL	Jharkhand	7483
	West Bengal	44757
BCCL	Jharkhand	37311
	West Bengal	1304
CCL	Jharkhand	34378
WCL	Madhya Pradesh	9315
	Maharashtra	26036
SECL	Chhattisgarh	29125
	Madhya Pradesh	14739
	West Bengal	194
MCL	Odisha	20144
NCL	Madhya Pradesh	7295
	Uttar Pradesh	5174
NEC	Delhi	1
	Jharkhand	2
	West Bengal	3
	Assam	867
	Meghalaya	11
CMPDI	Chhattisgarh	455
	Jharkhand	835
	Maharashtra	279
	Madhya Pradesh	178
	Odisha	251
	West Bengal	226
CIL(HQ)	Delhi	41
	Maharashtra	3
	Tamil Nadu	1
	West Bengal	291
TOTAL		240699

ANNEXURE-B TO RSUQ NO. 1455 for reply on 02.08.2021

Raw coal production of Coal India Limited and NLCIL during the last three years and the current year is given below:

(Figures in Million Te.)

COAL INDIA LIMITED								
State	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22 (till June'21) (Provisional)	
	Manual Production	Mechanized Production	Manual Production	Mechanized Production	Manual Production	Mechanized Production	Manual Production	Mechanized Production
WEST BENGAL	0.10	29.30	0.04	29.12		26.09		5.44
JHARKHAND		20.76		21.24		18.92		2.49
Total ECL	0.10	50.06	0.04	50.36		45.01		7.92
WEST BENGAL		1.19		0.14		0.004		0.11
JHARKHAND		29.85		27.59		24.65		5.71
Total BCCL		31.04		27.74		24.66		5.82
JHARKHAND	0.05	68.67	0.06	66.83	0.04	62.55	0.01	12.86
Total CCL	0.05	68.67	0.06	66.83	0.04	62.55	0.01	12.86
UP		20.28		18.03		17.02		3.42
MP		81.23		90.02		98.03		22.34
Total NCL		101.50		108.05		115.04		25.76
MH		49.25		54.19		47.26		9.62
MP	0.01	3.92		3.45		3.02		0.78
Total WCL	0.01	53.17		57.64		50.28		10.41
MP		12.60		10.58		9.94		2.30
CHHATTISGARH		144.75		139.97		140.66		25.40
Total SECL		157.35		150.55		150.61		27.70
ODISHA		144.15		140.36		148.01		33.51
Total MCL		144.15		140.36		148.01		33.51
ASSAM		0.78		0.52		0.04		0.00
Total NEC		0.78		0.52		0.04		0.00
Total CIL	0.16	606.72	0.10	602.04	0.04	596.18	0.01	123.97

(Note: The figures are rounded off to two digits)

NLCIL	
Financial Year	Coal Production
2020-21	1.013
2021-22 (up to 18.07.2021)	0.672