

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
RAJYA SABHA
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FATALITY RATE IN THE MINING AREAS

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the average fatality rate of last three years in the mining areas, State wise;
- (b) whether Government has taken appropriate measures to reduce the current fatality rate in the mining areas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per information made available by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, the number of fatal accident and number of persons who lost their lives during calendar year 2018 to 2020 in non-coal mines and the fatality rate which is maintained decade-wise for whole of the country are given at Annexure.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. Occupational safety and health of the persons employed in the mines is ensured by implementing/ enforcing the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952 and the Rules/ Regulations framed thereunder. The same is achieved through the following measures:

- i. Legislative measures, such as inspection and enquiries, improvement Notices and Prohibitory Orders,
- ii. Developmental measures such as standard setting, adopting various recommendations of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Conventions,
- iii. Promotional measures such as holding National Conferences on Safety in mines, conducting National Safety Awards (Mines), imparting Vocational Training And Other Training, Observance Of Safety Weeks And Safety Campaigns, Holding Rescue Competition, promoting participation of worker in safety management, awareness and information dissemination.
- iv. Technical measures such as Introduction of Risk Assessment Techniques and preparation of Safety Management Plan aimed at elimination of risks and to ensure safety of workmen, introduction of standard operating procedures to avoid unsafe practices in mines, and issuing DGMS Circulars as guidelines for safe operations in identified thrust areas from time to time.

Details of accident (state-wise) in Non Coal Mines 2018 - 2020

State	No. of fatal accident	No. of persons Killed
Andhra Pradesh	20	22
Assam	5	6
Bihar	1	1
Chhattisgarh	3	3
Gujarat	6	11
Haryana	2	2
Himachal Pradesh	1	1
Jharkhand	17	22
Karnataka	8	9
Kerala	3	4
Madhya Pradesh	10	10
Maharashtra	3	4
Odisha	7	7
Rajasthan	32	34
Tamil Nadu	5	7
Telangana	4	5
Uttar Pradesh	4	8

Trend in Fatal Accidents and Fatality Rate per 1000 persons employed in Non Coal Mines (Ten Yearly Average)

Decade	Average no. of accidents	Accident Rate	Average no. of fatalities	Fatality rate
2011-20	43	0.20	52	0.24
