

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2047  
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2003  
SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER  
BASUDEB ACHARIA

**Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Directorate General of Mines Safety has been unable to perform its statutory functions due to shortage of manpower;
- (b) if so, the remedial action taken in this regard;
- (c) whether the DGMS has launched prosecution against the Management of ECL; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of cases, mine-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): The Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) has sanctioned strength of 167 Inspecting Officers with 135 persons in position and 32 posts lying vacant. They are required to oversee the status of compliance of the safety provisions prescribed under the Mines Act, 1952 by the mine managements. The large number of mines distributed across the country require regular inspection as per the Act. Regular inspection of these mines need a large complement of staff which is not adequately available. The Staff Inspection Unit has been requested to carry out the study of DGMS so as to assess the need of additional staff.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The details of prosecutions launched against the collieries of M/s. Eastern Coalfield Limited are Annexed.

**ANNEXURE**

Details of prosecutions launched against the Collieries of M/s. Eastern Coalfield Limited (during 2000-2003 upto July)

Sl.No. Name of the Mine Location

Year:2000

1. Sonapur Bazari OCP Dist.-Burdwan (WB)
2. Chitra-A Colliery Dist.-Deoghar (Jharkhand)
3. Madhujore Colliery Dist.-Burdwan (WB)
4. New Kenda Colliery Dist.-Burdwan (WB)
5. Gourangdih OCP Dist.-Burdwan (WB)
6. Jhanjra 3 & 4 Incline Dist.-Burdwan (WB)
7. Chapapur Colliery Dist.-Dhanbad (Jharkhand)
8. Hariyajam Colliery Dist.-Dhanbad (Jharkhand)
9. Gopinathpur Colliery Dist.-Dhanbad (Jharkhand)

Year:2001

1. Shankarpur Colliery Dist.-Burdwan (WB)
2. Shankarpur Colliery Dist.-Burdwan (WB)
3. Lachipur Colliery Dist.-Burdwan (WB)
4. Madhujore Colliery Dist.-Burdwan (WB)
5. Madhujore Colliery Dist.-Burdwan (WB)

Year:2002

1. Parbelia & Dubeswari Colliery Dist.-Purulia (WB)
2. Bankola Colliery Dist.-Burdwan (WB)
3. Ratibati Colliery Dist.-Burdwan (WB)

Year:2003 #

1. Chora Block Incline Colliery Dist.-Burdwan (WB)
2. Madhab Pur Colliery Dist.-Burdwan (WB)
3. Khoodia Colliery Dist.-Dhanbad (Jharkhand)

(#) - upto July, 2003.