

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1203
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WORK-FORCE IN COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work-force in the coal mines is shrinking every year;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore; (
- (c) the specific amenities provided and wages etc. paid to the workers in the coal mines; and
- (d) the company-wise separate break-up thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The reasons are retirement, resignation, Voluntary Retirement(VRS) etc.

(c & d): Workers are provided with welfare amenities like Housing, Water Supply, Medical care, Recreation and Sports, Canteens, Banking, Co-operative Stores, Credit Societies, Rest Shelters etc. Workers are paid wages in accordance with the National Coal Wage Agreement-VI (NCWA-VI), which is a bi-partite agreement between the workers and the management.