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Accidents in Workplaces

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of accidents/deaths in various hazardous workplaces particularly in excavation types of work where labourers are stranded in tunnels or depth holes during the last three years and the current year, year and State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has a policy to ensure the safety of workers at their workplace particularly in excavation types of works;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is a monitoring mechanism regarding the safety of workers especially at such places and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor along with the corrective action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) to (e): Hazardous and dangerous works and particularly excavation types of works in mining comes within the purview of DGMS. A statement on the number of fatal/serious accidents in coal mines during 2012-2015 is given in the annexure.

Adequate provisions for safety and health of persons employed in mines are made in the Mines Act, 1952 and rules and regulations made thereunder. To see that mine managements carry out the mining operations in accordance with the legal provisions to ensure safety of mining workers, officers of DGMS make periodic inspections of all types of Mines. During inspection of Mines, if the working or the environment are found to be unsafe and dangerous from the point of view of safety of workers, violation letters, notices of prohibitory orders are immediately move to the management to take necessary steps for improvement unless the conditions improve for redeployment of persons as recorded through inspections, the orders are to be deployed in such conditions not vacated and persons are not allowed.

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