

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:456  
ANSWERED ON:14.07.2014  
BHILAI STEEL PLANT  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the recent incident of leakage of toxic gas at Bhilai Steel Plant of Steel Authority of India has affected a number of employees resulting in the death of some employees;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the mishap;
- (d) if so, the details and findings thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for security and safety at steel plants?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

- (a)&(b): Yes, Madam. A total number of 38 persons were affected in the gas tragedy. Among them, 6 persons including two Deputy General Managers died and remaining 32 affected persons have fully recovered and have been discharged from the hospital.
- (c)&(d): Committees at various levels have been constituted to investigate/enquire into the incident including a high level committee headed by Shri K.K. Mehrotra, Former CMD, MECON constituted by Ministry of Steel. Investigation by above committees is under progress.
- (e) The measures taken/being taken for security and safety in future include (i) adherence to all applicable statutory provisions, norms & procedures; (ii) enforcing usage of job specific Personal Protective Equipments (PPEs), provision of automatic gas leak detection alarm in critical and gas prone areas; (iii) conducting periodic mock drills as per emergency plan; (iv) spreading safety awareness through training programmes & workshop; (v) conducting regular internal and external safety audit; (vi) thrust on systematic approach for safety management (OHSAS-18001 implementation); (vii) strict adherence to Inter Plant Safety Standards procedures.