

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1643  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.2.2019**

**Guidelines for Safety of Coal Mines**

†1643.SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI P.P. CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are guidelines for safety and security of coal mines in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these guidelines are reviewed from time to time;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether certain accidents took place in coal mines during the year 2014 to 2019; and
- f) if so, the number of people injured in these accidents along with the relief provided to families of deceased persons?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COAL, FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. There are specific guidelines for safety of coal mines in the country. Adequate guidelines / statutory provisions are made under the Mines Act-1952 and the Mines Rules, Coal Mines Regulations, Bye-laws, Standing Order framed thereunder for ensuring the safety in coal mines. These safety statutes are administered by the Directorate-General of Mines Safety (DGMS). DGMS also administers other allied legislations such as relevant parts of the Indian Electricity Act – 2003 and Central Electricity Authority (measures related to safety & supply) Regulations – 2010 framed thereunder. DGMS also issues technical and general circulars from time to time on various subjects related to mine safety for improving safety standard of mines.

(c) & (d): Safety statutes/ guidelines are reviewed and kept updated to absorb the technical advancements in the field of mine safety and learning from past experiences through issuance of necessary gazette notifications for relevant Rules and Regulations made under the Mines Act- 1952. Further, Technical / General / Legal circulars are also issued by the regulator of mine safety of the country i.e. DGMS from time to time for improving the various aspects of coal mine safety.

(e) & (f): Subsidiary company-wise fatal and serious accidents that took place in coal mines during 2014 to 2019 (upto January) along with number of persons fatally and seriously injured in those accidents are given in **Annexure-I** and the amount of Compensation paid to the family of deceased who died in any mine accident arising out of and in course of employment as per Employee Compensation Act- 2010 are given in **Annexure-II**.

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**Annexure-I**

Subsidiary company-wise fatal and serious accidents that took place in coal mines during the year 2014 to 2019 (upto January)

Sub.	Fatal Accidents						Fatalities						Serious Accidents						Serious Injuries					
	14	15	16	17	18	19	14	15	16	17	18	19	14	15	16	17	18	19	14	15	16	17	18	19
ECL	5	7	9	9	1	0	5	7	31	9	2	0	69	40	44	20	24	0	69	40	44	20	25	0
BCCL	8	7	6	2	2	0	8	7	6	2	2	0	17	9	5	13	7	0	17	9	5	13	7	0
CCL	3	2	4	5	5	1	3	2	4	6	8	1	7	5	7	5	9	0	7	5	8	5	16	0
NCL	7	1	4	3	3	0	7	1	4	3	3	0	9	19	13	10	8	0	9	20	13	10	8	0
WCL	8	8	5	3	2	0	9	8	5	3	5	0	36	25	17	18	17	0	38	27	17	18	17	0
SECL	11	10	8	7	12	0	12	10	9	9	15	0	31	35	27	36	18	1	32	36	29	36	19	1
MCL	1	3	2	5	8	0	1	3	2	5	8	0	13	4	7	6	4	1	13	4	7	6	4	1
NEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>CIL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2</b>

**Annexure-II**

Amount of Compensation to the family of deceased who died in any mine accident arising out of and in course of employment as per Employee Compensation Act- 2010

**(All figures in Rupees)**

Year	Compensation paid as Employee Compensation Act- 2010 (amended)
2014	29523018
2015	23189104
2016	43216160
2017	23729530
2018	23755137