

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2762
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2022

Illegal mining cases

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of reports of illegal mining taking place in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of cases registered against illegal mining in the last five years, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has any data on the number of mine workers died and injured during the coal mining; and
- (d) if so, the details for the last five years, State-wise and year-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)**

(a) & (b): Illegal mining of coal is reported to be carried out mainly from abandoned mines, shallow coal seams situated at remote/isolated places. It is a Law & Order problem which is a State subject, hence primarily; falls under the domain of the State/District administration to take necessary deterrent action to stop/curb illegal mining of coal.

Number of FIRs lodged in cases of illegal mining of coal during the last five years, company-wise and State-wise are as under:-

(Provisional)

Name of the Company	State	FIR lodged				
		2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
ECL	WB	12	224	184	72	8
	Jharkhand	1	18	64	12	8
	Sub Total	13	242	248	84	16
BCCL	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0
	WB	0	0	0	0	0
	Sub Total	0	0	0	0	0
CCL	Jharkhand	1	0	7	3	0
NCL	MP	0	0	0	0	0
	UP	0	0	0	0	0
	Sub Total	0	0	0	0	0
WCL	Maharashtra	0	0	0	0	0
	MP	0	0	0	0	0
	Sub Total	0	0	0	0	0

SECL	MP	0	0	0	0	0
	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	0	0
	Sub Total	0	0	0	0	0
MCL	Odisha	0	0	0	0	0
NEC	Assam	3	1	8	7	0
Coal India Limited		17	243	263	94	16
SCCL		-	-	-	-	-

(c) & (d): Data on the number of mine workers died and injured during the coal mining operation are maintained by CIL and its subsidiaries. Subsidiary-wise State-wise fatalities and serious injuries in mines of CIL in last 5 years are as under:-

Sub.	Operating State	Fatality					Serious Injuries				
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
ECL	West Bengal & Jharkhand	9	2	7	7	8	20	25	18	22	11
BCCL	Jharkhand & West Bengal	2	2	6	2	3	13	7	12	9	7
CCL	Jharkhand	6	8	2	1	1	5	16	4	7	4
NCL	MP & UP	3	3	2	2	3	10	8	12	15	9
WCL	Maharashtra & MP	3	5	2	4	6	18	17	17	7	7
SECL	Chhattisgarh & MP	9	15	7	10	7	36	19	23	16	21
MCL	Odisha	5	8	8	4	1	6	4	4	4	2
NEC	Assam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		37	43	34	30	29	108	96	90	80	61

The details of accidents during the last five years in SCCL (Operating State – Telangana) are as under:-

Year	Fatalities	Injuries
2017	12	219
2018	7	191
2019	8	138
2020	12	102
2021	13	122
