

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3688
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018**

INSPECTION OF MINES

3688. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether it is true that over 2.3 lakh people employed at various mining sites are at the risk of contracting silicosis and there are over 44000 mines where 3.44 lakh labourers are working and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government conducts inspections at mines to ascertain any violation by the miners and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is also true that only 14064 mines were inspected against a total number of 44000 mines in the country during the last five years; and**
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to inspect each and every mine in the country regularly?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) & (b): On the basis of the data provided by various State Governments to Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) under Ministry of Labour & Employment, 2.3 lakh people employed at various mine sites are estimated to be at the risk of contracting silicosis. Details of the same are at Annexure. There are 11935 mines covered as on date under the Shram Suvidha Portal of the Ministry of Labour & Employment.

Inspections of mines are carried out by DGMS to ascertain any violation in the Mines Act, 1952 and rules and regulations framed thereunder. During the year 2017, a total of 9711 inspections were done.

(c) & (d): 14,827 mines were inspected for Silicosis during the last five years. DGMS officers do random inspections to check the status of compliance of the statute. A special drive has been undertaken to complete the inspections of remaining mines with necessary assistance and help from the concerned state departments and district authorities.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3688 FOR 19/03/2018 RAISED BY SHRI K ASHOK KUMAR REGARDING INSPECTION OF MINES.

Estimated number of persons at Risks of Silicosis based on information provided by various State Governments

States	No. of workers at risk of silicosis
Andhra Pradesh	3817
Bihar	78
Chhattisgarh	593
Goa	195
Gujarat	10258
Haryana	1469
Jharkhand	11221
Karnataka	1081
Kerala	0
Madhya Pradesh	5985
Maharashtra	5727
Odisha	22303
Rajasthan	140946
Tamilnadu	18224
Telangana	5354
Uttar Pradesh	6916
West Bengal	1154
Daman and Diu	126
Total	235447
