

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1696
ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023

SHORTAGE OF TECHNICAL STAFF

1696. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of technicians and supervisory staff working across different mines in India, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is an acute shortage of technical staff in the mines across the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to encourage educated and well trained individuals into the mining industry?

ANSWER

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

(a): The provisions for employment of geologists and mining engineers have been incorporated under Chapter VII of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017. The State-wise provisional average daily employment in mines under the jurisdiction of Indian Bureau of Mines, a subordinate office of Ministry of Mines, during 2022-23 as reported by the lease holders is at **Annexure**.

(b): The technical staff are employed by the respective lease holders in accordance with the statutory provisions and as per their requirements.

(c): In order to encourage employment of mining engineers in mines, the Ministry of Mines has amended the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 with effect from 03.11.2021 by relaxing the qualification of mining engineers to be employed in mines. Subsequent to the amendment, persons having diploma in mining and mine surveying granted by a duly recognised institute along with a second class certificate of competency or a foreman certificate of competency issued by the Director General of Mines Safety are eligible to be employed as mining engineers.

Annexure referred to in part (a) of reply to Lok Sabha Un-starred question no-1696

State-wise provisional average daily employment in mines under the jurisdiction of Indian Bureau of Mines, during 2022-23

States	Total No. of Staff
Andhra Pradesh	2329
Assam	122
Bihar	174
Chhattisgarh	13426
Goa	196
Gujarat	2516
Himachal Pradesh	574
Jammu & Kashmir	0
Jharkhand	9505
Karnataka	11693
Kerala	127
Madhya Pradesh	12463
Maharashtra	7980
Meghalaya	459
Odisha	35570
Rajasthan	18544
Tamil Nadu	1759
Telangana	1125
Uttar Pradesh	315
Uttarakhand	0
West Bengal	0
Total	118877
