

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4539  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2020**

**PATIENTS OF SILICOSIS**

**4539. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of patients of silicosis identified in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government provides any sort of financial assistance to such patients and also in case of deaths occurring due to silicosis disease;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the silicosis disease happens predominantly to the labourers and workers engaged in mining professions and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps/measures taken/being taken by the Government towards creating awareness for its prevention and safeguards?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a): As per survey carried-out by the National Institute of Miners' Health, Nagpur, during the years 2015 to 2019, 391 cases of silicosis have been detected. State/UT wise details are annexed.
- (b) & (c): Compensation for Silicosis affected persons is given under Employee Compensation Act, 1923, which is administered by Compensation Commissioners of respective states.
- (d): Any comparative data of silicosis between mining and other industries is not available.
- (e): Following measures have been taken to protect the mine workers:-
  - i. Wet drilling.
  - ii. Periodic monitoring of dust levels at workplace.
  - iii. Personal Dust Exposure profile using Personal Dust Samplers.
  - iv. Use of Dust mask and Dust respirator as Personal Protective Equipments.
  - v. Initial Medical Examination before employment and periodical Medical Examinations of persons employed in mines at an interval of 5 years.
  - vi. Occupational Health Survey.
  - vii. Awareness Campaigns.

ANNEXURE

## State/UT-wise number of Silicosis Cases.

Name of State/UT	No. of Silicosis case
Jharkhand	11
Madhya Pradesh	64
Rajasthan	216
Gujarat	08
Karnataka	27
Andhra Pradesh	11
Telangana	11
Tamilnadu	19
Chhattisgrah	02
Goa	15
Uttar Pradesh	07
Total	391