## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

### **LOK SABHA**

### UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1089 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021

#### **HEALTH CONDITIONS OF MINERS AT HINDUSTAN ZINC MINES**

1089. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

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

- (a)whether the Government is aware of the deteriorating health conditions of miners working at Hindustan Zinc mines due to access lead found in their lungs; and
- (b)if so, the precautionary measures taken and the healthcare facilities provided for the ill workers?

#### **ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): No case of excess lead in blood amongst the workers employed in the mines of M/s. Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) has been reported.

The mine management has been taking following precautions to prevent the exposure of mine workers to hazardous lead level:

- i.) Automatic water sprinkling at all crushers, ore transfer points are provided.
- ii.) Lead & zinc concentrate are loaded mechanically (by air conditioned cabin loaders) and concentrate transported in trucks which are covered by tarpaulin to prevent the exposure of workmen due to concentrate dust.
- iii) Quarterly medical checkup is carried out for detection of lead level in the blood as well as in urine.
- iv) Adequate medical facilities are provided at all mines and are equipped with proper facilities for detection of lead level.

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