GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1789 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2021

ACCIDENTS REPORTED IN POWER PLANTS

1789. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons died/injured in major and minor accidents reported in power plants operational in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, Plant and State/UT-wise including NTPC along with the estimated losses to the exchequer in such accidents;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any enquiry to punish the culprit of the said accidents;
- (c) if so, the details and outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted safety audit of such plants during the said period and if so, the details and outcome thereof, Plant and State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the other corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent such accidents in future?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

- (a): The details of persons died/injured in major and minor accidents reported in different power plants during each of the last three years and the current year, Plant and State/UT-wise, including in NTPC's plants are given at Annexure-I. During the project development stage, the concerned project developers cover the risk from accidents through insurance policies taken by the contracting agency. Further, during operations and maintenance period of the power plants, the concerned organization covers the losses/risk from major/minor accidents through appropriate fire and accident related insurance policies. No budgetary support is provided to the concerned CPSUs in this regard.
- (b) & (c): Enquires/investigations are conducted in case of accidents in order to find out the reasons for the accident and also to suggest remedial measures. Necessary action is taken in compliance of the findings of the enquiry reports.

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- (d): All CPSUs being ISO certified organizations, all the plants fall within ambit of ISO certification. Accordingly, all proactive measures in regard to the safety of the plants, are adhered to in due compliance with the relevant safety norms and preventive measures. As regards NTPC, the details of internal and external audit conducted State-wise and plant-wise are given at Annexure-II.
- (e): Several corrective steps have been taken/being taken for prevention of such accidents in future:
 - i. Mandatory usage of safety devices like helmet, safety gloves, goggles, safety/gum boots etc. are being adhered to by the power stations.
 - ii. Safety Officers have been nominated at all project / Power stations.
- iii. Refresher training programme / awareness programmes are conducted for the employees to strictly observe all safety / precautionary measures at all the work places. In order to check accidents and their re-occurrence, safety equipment are made available at power plants such as Fire tender, portable fire extinguishers, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE's) to the working staff, insulating mats etc. at all locations. Periodical checks are conducted on these equipment. Also the remedial measures suggested by the enquiry committee after investigation of incident / accident are circulated by Safety division, corporate office at all locations of the concerned organisation for implementation to avoid re-occurrence of similar accident.
- iv. Regular mock drills for fire and safety are carried out at all locations.
- v. All necessary guidelines & Special Operating Procedures (SOPs) are provided in Safety Manuals for easy reference at work sites. Crisis & Disaster Management Manuals are also in place.
- vi. Preventive Maintenance of all equipment, tools & tackles is undertaken as per preventive maintenance schedule.
- vii. In order to address safety issues / observations, different meeting forums are in place like Safety Committee meeting & Participative Management Meetings.
- viii. Prior to any maintenance activity, work permits are taken to ensure safety during maintenance.
 - ix. In order to create awareness among the employees, different safety celebrations are also done every year, like National Safety Week and Fire Safety Week etc.
 - x. Required medical facilities and first aid boxes are provided at project sites.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1789 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.02.2021

Details of persons died/injured in major/minor accidents reported in different power plants during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and Plant-wise are given below:Plants under NTPC Limited:-

| Stations | State/UT | CY-2018 | | CY-2019 | | CY-2020 | | CY-2021 (till Jan.'21) | |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------|------|---------|------|---------|------|---------------------------|----------|
| | | Injured | Died | Injured | Died | Injured | Died | Injured | Died |
| Badarpur | Delhi | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Barauni | Bihar | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Barh | Bihar | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Bongaigaon | Assam | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dadri | Uttar Pradesh | 4 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Farakka | West Bengal | 7 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Faridabad | Haryana | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gadarwara | Madhya Pradesh | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jhanor | Gujarat | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gandhar | | | | | | | | | |
| Kahalgaon | Bihar | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Korba | Chhattisgarh | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kudgi | Karnataka | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Mouda | Maharashtra | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ramagundam | Telangana/ | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Andhra Pradesh | | | | | | | | <u> </u> |
| Rihand | Uttar Pradesh | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Simhadri | Andhra Pradesh | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Singrauli | Uttar Pradesh | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Sipat | Chhattisgarh | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Solapur | Maharashtra | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Talcher | Odisha | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kaniha | | | | | | | | | <u> </u> |
| Talcher TPS | Odisha | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unchahar | Uttar Pradesh | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tanda | Uttar Pradesh | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 1 | | 0 | 0 |
| Vindhyachal | Madhya Pradesh | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | Total | 39 | 3 | 37 | 7 | 35 | 13 | 2 | 2 |

Other Power Plants under NHPC, SJVNL and NEEPCO:-

Plants under NHPC Ltd.

| State | Name of the Power | 20 | 17-18 | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 | |
|---------------|-------------------|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Station | Died | Injured | Died | Injured | Died | Injured | Died | Injured |
| | Salal P.S. | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| UT of Jammu & | Dulhasti P.S. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Kashmir | Uri-II P.S. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Kishenganga P.S | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Bairasiul P.S. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Himachal | Chamera-I P.S. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Pradesh | Chamera-II P.S. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Chamera-III P.S. | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Manipur | Loktak P.S. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Plants under SJVNL Limited

| State | Name of the Power | 201 | 7-18 | 20 | 18-19 | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 | |
|---------------------|-------------------|------|---------|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| State | Station | Died | Injured | Died | Injured | Died | Injured | Died | Injured |
| Himachal Pradesh | Nathpa Jhakri HPS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Rampur HPS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Plants under NEEPCO Limited

| Arunachal Pradesh | Kameng HPE | o | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|----------------------|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nagaland | Doyang HEP | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Assam/ Meghalaya | Kopili | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTAL | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 |

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1789 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.02.2021

Details of internal and external audit conducted State-wise and plant-wise of NTPC Ltd. are given below:

| | | | FY - 2018-19 | | FY - 2019-20 | | FY - 2020-21 | |
|----------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|----------------|--------------|
| SI. | State | Station/Project | | | | | (till Jan.'21) | |
| No | | | Internal | External | Internal | External | Internal | External |
| | | | Audit | Audit | Audit | Audit | Audit | Audit |
| 1 | Uttar Pradesh | Dadri | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done |
| 2 | Haryana | Faridabad | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done |
| 3 | Haryana | Jhajjar | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done |
| 4 | Uttar Pradesh | Unchahar | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Planned |
| 5 | Uttar Pradesh | Auraiya | Done | Done | Done | | Done | Done |
| 6 | Madhya Pradesh | Vindhyachal | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done |
| 7 | Uttar Pradesh | Rihand | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done |
| 8 | Uttar Pradesh | Singrauli | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Planned |
| 9 | Uttar Pradesh | Tanda | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Planned |
| 10 | Uttar Pradesh | Меја | Done | Done | Done | Done | Planned | Planned |
| 11 | Bihar | Kahalgaon | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Planned |
| 12 | Bihar | Barh | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Planned |
| 13 | Bihar | Barauni | | | Done | Done | Planned | Planned |
| 14 | West Bengal | Farakka | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done |
| 15 | Jharkhand | North Karanpura | Done | Done | Done | | Done | Done |
| 16 | Bihar | BRBCL Nabinagar | Done | | Done | Done | Done | Planned |
| 17 | Bihar | NPGCL Nabinagar | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Planned |
| 18 | Jharkhand | Patratu | Done | | Done | | Planned | Planned |
| 19 | Bihar | Kanti | Done | Done | Done | | Planned | Done |
| 20 | Odisha | Darlipalli | Done | Done | Done | | Planned | Planned |
| 21 | Assam | Bongaigaon | Done | | Done | Done | Planned | Done |
| 22 | Odisha | Talcher Kaniha | Done | | Done | Done | Done | Done |
| 23 | Odisha | Talcher Thermal | Done | | Done | Done | Done | Done |
| 24 | Odisha | NSPCL Rourkela | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Planned |
| 25 | West Bengal | NSPCL Durgapur | Done | Done | Done | Done | Planned | Done |
| 26 | Rajasthan | Anta | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done |
| 27 | Maharashtra | Solapur | Done | Done | Done | Done | Planned | Planned |
| 28 | Gujrat | Jhanor Gandhar | Done | | Done | Done | Done | riamicu |
| 29 | Maharashtra | Mouda | Done | | Done | Done | Planned | Done |
| 30 | Gujrat | Kawas | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Planned |
| 31 | Maharashtra | Ratnagiri | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | |
| 32 | Chhattisgarh | Lara | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Planned |
| 33 | Chhattisgarh | Korba | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done |
| 34 | Chhattisgarh | Sipat | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Planned |
| | Madhya Pradesh | • | | | | Done | Done | |
| 35 36 | Madhya Pradesh | Gadarwara | Done Done | Done Done | Done Done | | Done | Done Done |
| 36 | Chhattisgarh | Khargone NSPCL Bhilai | Done | Done | Done | Dono | Done | Done |
| 38 | Karnattisgarn | | | | | Done | | |
| 38 | | Kudgi Ramagundam | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done |
| | Telangana | | Done | Dono | Done | Done | Done | planned |
| 40 | Telangana | Telangana | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done |
| 41 | Andhra Pradesh | Simhadri | Done | Dono | Done | Done | Done | Planned |
| 42 | Kerala | Kayamkulam | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Planned |
| 43 | Tamil Nadu | Vallure | Done | Done | Done | Done | Planned | Done |
| 44 | Uttarakhand | Tapovan | Done | Done | Done | Done | Planned | Done |
| 45 | West Bengal | Rammam | Done | Done | Done | Done | Planned | Planned |
| 46 | Himachal | Kodam | Done | Done | Done | Done | Planned | Planned |
| | Pradesh | D. J | D | . | | | | |
| 47 | Delhi | Badarpur | Done | Done | | | | |

<u>Note</u>: Internal Audit conducted once in every year and External Audit conducted once in two years.
