

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2760**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 17, 2022**

**SAFETY OF WORKERS IN CENTRAL VISTA PROJECTS**

**NO. 2760.**

**SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:**

**Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has made any monetary allocations towards workers' safety in the budget for the Central Vista project and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of health insurance provided to over ten thousand skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labourers who were promised employment under the project;**
- (c) the steps taken to ensure workers' safety as construction on the project continued even as Delhi saw a weekly Covid-19 test positivity rate of around twenty three per cent in January, 2022;**
- (d) whether the Government is aware that it is not practically possible for workers of the Central Vista project to observe Covid guidelines and maintain social distancing and if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) the details of protective gear distributed and tests conducted among workers engaged in the Central Vista project in January, 2022; and**
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS  
(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)**

**(a) & (b) : No specific monetary allocations have been made towards workers' safety in the budget for the Central Vista project. However health insurance is being provided by the contractors. Necessary provisions in this regard are available in General Conditions of Contract (GCC).**

**(c) & (d) : All Covid-19 protocols as per directions issued by Government from time to time like testing, vaccination, social distancing, hand washing, use of hand sanitizer, etc., are being followed during execution of works. Facility for isolation of Covid-19 positive workers has also been established in labour camp at New Parliament Building.**

**(e) & (f) : Testing for Covid -19, isolation of Covid-19 positive workers and vaccination are regularly followed as per mandate and guidelines issued by the Government from time to time. These are part of GCC and are being strictly implemented. The record of workers tested for Covid-19 is kept by the respective agencies.**

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