

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1457  
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

**Accidents in Coal Mines**

**1457. Dr. K Sudhakar:**

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to stop the usage of coal mining in the country, and if so, details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has data regarding the total number of laborers employed in coal and other mining sectors in India, if so, the details thereof, State and sector-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has data regarding the total number of active mines both under Central and State Governments, in Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has observed frequent accidents in mining trenches of Karnataka and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of compensation paid to mine workers in the case of landslides /accidents in mines of Karnataka. during the FY 2023-24, and 2024-25?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a): No Sir. The country has envisaged growing demand of coal in coming years primarily to meet power demand and energy security of the country. It has been projected that total coal demand by 2029-30 will be 1570.26 MT. Government has planned to increase production of coal to meet the demand.

(b): Details of manpower employed by Coal India Limited, as on 01.07.2024, is at Annexure-I. Total number of employees in Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) (in State of Telangana), as on 30.06.2024, is 41,685. The details of manpower employed by NLC India Limited (NLCIL), as on 01.07.2024, is as under:

Sl. No.	Mine	Details of laborers as on 01.07.2024	
		Departmental	Contractual
1	Lignite Mine-I (Tamil Nadu)	1,453	2,256
2	Lignite Mine-IA (Tamil Nadu)	495	2,372
3	Lignite Mine-II (Tamil Nadu)	1,462	4,519
4	Barsingsar Lignite Mine (Rajasthan)	21	146
5	Talabira II&III Coal OCP (Odisha)	5	842
	<b>Total NLCIL Mines</b>	<b>3,436</b>	<b>10,135</b>

Further, the projected/estimated employment generation from 107 successfully auctioned coal mines under commercial mining is as under:

State	Number of Mines	Total Employment (Direct + Indirect)	Sum of PRC (MTPA)
Arunachal Pradesh	1	270	0.20
Assam	2	20	0.02
Chhattisgarh	16	61,935	45.81
Jharkhand	28	58,677	43.40
Madhya Pradesh	26	32,489	24.03
Maharashtra	9	7,057	5.22
Odisha	21	1,73,908	128.63
Telangana	1	5,408	4.00
West Bengal	3	6,611	4.89
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>3,46,375</b>	<b>256.20</b>

(c): No coal mine is located in the State of Karnataka. Further, DGMS has informed that there are 14 active mines in Karnataka, out of which 12 mines are owned by the State Government of Karnataka and 2 mines are owned by the Central Government.

(d): DGMS has informed that details of the accidents occurred in mines of Karnataka during the calendar years 2021 to 2023 are as under:

Year	Fatal Accident	Fatality	Seriously Injured in Fatal Accident	Serious Accident	Seriously Injured
2021	2	3	0	7	7
2022	6	10	5	7	7
2023	3	3	1	5	5

(e): State Government of Karnataka has informed that no accidents of landslides were reported. However, in one case i.e. P. Balasubbasetty (ML No. 2502) situated at Sandur Taluk, Ballari District, the dump was slided into the adjacent forest area for which necessary action has been initiated against the lessee. In this regard, Department of Mines Safety has also taken action. No casualties was reported in the said case. Since, no incidents of landslides were reported, payment of compensation does not arise.

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**ANNEXURE-I**

**State Wise Departmental (Non-Executives) and Contractor's workers of Coal India Limited as on 01<sup>st</sup> July 2024**

Subsidiary	West Bengal		Jharkhand		Uttar Pradesh		Madhya Pradesh		Chhatisgarh		Maharashtra		Odisha		Assam		Meghalaya		Delhi		TOTAL MAN POWER	
	Dep. tt.	Con. tr.	Dep. tt.	Con. tr.	Dep. tt.	Con. r.	Dept. t.	Cont. r.	Dep. tt.	Con. tr.	Dep. tt.	Con. tr.	Dep. tt.	Con. tr.	Dep. tt.	Con. tr.	Dep. tt.	Con. tr.	Dep. tt.	Con. tr.	Deptt.	Contr.
ECL	39167	5354	6710	1946	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45877	7300
BCCL	1064	78	30426	5590	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31490	5668
CCL	0	0	31770	7440	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31770	7440
NCL	0	0	0	0	5563	9962	6421	13120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11984	23082
SECL	98	187	0	0	0	0	10572	3925	25725	16426	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36395	20538
WCL	0	0	0	0	0	0	6920	1408	0	0	23606	13766	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30526	15174
MCL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19431	24525	0	0	0	0	0	0	19431	24525
CMPDIL	240	140	763	270	0	0	153	100	408	276	225	224	162	116	0	0	0	0	0	0	1951	1126
NEC	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	498	429	8	0	0	0	509	433
CIL HQ	228	333	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	266	333
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>40800</b>	<b>6096</b>	<b>69670</b>	<b>15246</b>	<b>5563</b>	<b>9962</b>	<b>24066</b>	<b>18553</b>	<b>26133</b>	<b>16702</b>	<b>23833</b>	<b>13990</b>	<b>19593</b>	<b>24641</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>210199</b>	<b>105619</b>