

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LIVING CONDITIONS OF MINE WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey has been conducted on the health of mine workers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any survey has been recently conducted on the living and health conditions of these people living in areas near the mines; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a): The Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) has conducted surveys on health of mine workers.

(b): In the past, five surveys had been carried out by DGMS in the belowground coal and metalliferous mines. Their details are as below:-

Sl. No.	Type of Mines	Year	Nature of Survey	Suspected cases of Notified Diseases Detected
1.	Asbestos Mine (Cuddappah Area)	1990	Medical Examination including Chest X-ray, Lung Function Test, etc. for Asbestosis.	32
2.	Mechanized Coal Mine	1991-1993	Review of Chest Radiographs of Coal workers for Pneumoconiosis	197
3.	Gold	2001-2003	Review of Medical and other Records for Silicosis	313
4.	Uranium	2002	Review of Medical Records for Silicosis	09
5.	Zinc	2001-2004	Medical Examination including Chest X-ray, Lung Function Test, Audiometry etc. for Silicosis	131

(c) & (d): The DGMS only monitors implementation of the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952 and Rules & Regulations framed thereunder. These provisions provide for the regulation of health conditions of miners only. The health condition of people living in areas near the mines does not fall within their jurisdiction.