GOVERNMENT OF INDIA LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4935 ANSWERED ON:28.04.2008 MEDICAL FACILITIES TO MINES WORKERS Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

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

- (a) the number and percentage of miners suffering from notified diseases in mines Under Section 25 of the Mines Act, 1952 during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any measure to save the lives of such miners;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the further steps taken by the Government to check and control such diseases?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): The number of miners affected by notified diseases under Section 25 of the Mines Act, 1952 are given as under:-

State Year
Jharkhand 2005 2006 2007
08(0.0007) 13(0.0011 07(0.0006)
Andhra Pradesh 02(0.0030) 04(0.0060)
Karnataka 03(0.0211)
Rajasthan 30(0.1460)
Maharashtra 01(0.0029) 01(0.0029)

Note: Figure within parenthesis indicated the percentage figures.

(b) & (c): Adequate provisions have been made under the Mines Act, 1952, and the Regulations, Rules & Orders made thereunder for the treatment of the affected persons.

(d):

- (i) Close monitoring of conditions of workings of such mines is done.
- (ii) Wet drilling drive is taken by the companies to control the dust.