

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of labourers working in cement factories who suffered from silicosis and other diseases caused by dust particles of cement in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number out of them of those who died during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for taking care and upliftment of the survived/families of died labourers?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): As per available information, no labourer working in cement factories has been reported to have suffered from silicosis. Cement and fly ash normally have dust containing less than 10% free silica, whereas Silicosis is generally caused by dust containing more than 10% free silica. Industry-wise data on occupational diseases is not centrally maintained.

(c): Adequate provisions already exist under Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 and the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 for the benefit of the employees.