

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3301  
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USE OF EXPLOSIVES  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether some instances of maoists using explosives of Coal India Limited (CIL) for subversive activities have been reported;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which such explosives passed into their hands;
- (c) the number of explosive magazines with CIL;
- (d) whether explosive magazines of CIL are properly guarded; and
- (e) if so, the details of arrangements with manpower in each subsidiary?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

- (a) & (b): No such incidence has been reported in CIL.
- (c): There are 326 explosives magazines in coal producing subsidiaries of CIL.
- (d): All explosive magazines of CIL are properly guarded.
- (e): Details of arrangements with manpower in each subsidiary is with CISF and the number varies with the threat perception.

All explosive magazines of CIL are properly guarded. The details of security personnel deployed in each subsidiary of CIL to guard the explosive magazines are as follows:

Name of the subsidiary of CIL No. of Security Personnel deployed

Eastern Coalfields Ltd 540

Bharat Coking Coal Ltd 238

Central Coalfields Ltd 300

Northern Coalfields Ltd 19

Western Coalfields Ltd 224

South Eastern Coalfields Ltd 367

Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd 132

North Eastern Coalfields 25

Besides, the following steps are also taken to safe-guard the explosive magazine

1. Chain linked fencing has been provided around the magazine building.
2. Armed guards are there in the dark hours.
3. Internal locks have been provided in the doors of magazines.
4. Sirens fitted in the magazines are operational.
5. Visitors' register is maintained at the magazines guard post.

6. Employees and outsiders are properly checked during entry and exit the explosive magazines.
7. Watch Tower of the magazines area is operational.
8. Sufficient lighting arrangement has been made to illuminate the surrounding area of the magazines during night hours.
9. Local telephone has been installed at the guards posts.
10. Surprise checks are being carried out by Patrolling Party 2 to 3 times every day to check the alertness of the security guard posted at the magazines.
11. Police patrolling parties are also carrying out their checks 2 to 3 times a week.
12. The hand over/take over charge register is being maintained in all the magazines.