

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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ACCIDENTS IN DUDHICHUA PROJECT IN NCL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of accidents have taken place in the Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) particularly in its Dudhichua Project during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the production in the project has suffered during the said period as a result thereof;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the losses suffered;
- (e) whether any responsibility has been fixed for the accidents; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the guilty officers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): One fatal accident has occurred in each of the last three years and current year i.e. 2006 to 2009 (till date) at Dudhichua project of Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL).

1. Fatal accident involving Late Raja Ram, Cableman (General Mazdoor) occurred on 17.2.2006 while the deceased came close to the loading point of blasted over burden material (near to shovel). A few pieces of stone from the blasted muck rolled down and hit him on his legs inflicting serious bodily injuries to him, which turned fatal after 12 days in hospital.

2. Fatal accident involving Late Anil Kumar Dubey, Contractor tipper driver occurred on 22.7.2007 while the deceased was trying to open the dala of loaded tipper at CHP crusher hopper another tipper hit him and he got head injury and subsequently succumbed to the injury.

3. Fatal accident involving Late Sudhir Kumar Pandey, Contractor's worker occurred on 8.9.2008 while the deceased was unauthorisedly riding on a contractor's tipper suddenly thrown from the tipper on the ground resulting into serious bodily injury, which turned fatal later.

4. Fatal accident involving Late Krishna Singh, Tipper Operator, occurred on 26.7.2009 while loaded tipper was coming to CHP and suddenly the tie rod broke and right side front wheel got thrown away and the deceased possibly jumped out and might have come under the rear right tyre of toppled tripper and succumbed to the injury while being taken to hospital.

(c) & (d): Production was not affected due to these accidents.

(e) & (f): Inquiry in respect of accidents occurred on 17.2.2006, 22.7.2007 & 8.9.2008 has been completed and in respect of accident occurred on 26.7.2009 inquiry is in progress. The details of persons held responsible for these accidents and action taken against the officials found guilty are as under:-

(i) For accident on 17.2.2006: Shri Vishwakarmaji Sharma, Shovel Operator and Shri Dibi Muru, Jr. Overman were held responsible and disciplinary action has been taken against them.

(ii) For accident on 22.7.2007: Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Driver of Tipper No. Mp-53-GA-0506 of M/s Rungta Projects Ltd. and Shri A.K. Dubey, deceased himself and Shri V.N. Pandey, Loading Inspector of NCL, Dudhichua Project were held responsible and disciplinary action taken against them.

(iii) For accident on 8.9.2009: Shri Surya Prakash Pandey, Private Security Guard of M/s RBSS, Shri Vishwanath Mishra, Supervisor of M/s RBSS, Shri Raghbir Bansal, Tipper Operator of M/s RPL and Shri Binod Singh, Asst. Loading Inspector of NCL, Dudhichua Project were held responsible for this accident and disciplinary action taken against them.