

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of aircraft of Bokaro Steel Plant crashed during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the reasons and the extent of loss suffered in each crash during the said period;
- (c) the details of the investigation conducted in this regard along with the action taken/proposed to be taken in the matter and the measures taken by the Government to prevent such accidents in future;
- (d) whether there have been studies/reports including one by Centre for Science and Environment regarding environmental pollution and accidents caused by the various steel plants both under the public and private sectors; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the measures suggested by the Joint Committee on Safety, Health and Environment to put in Industrial structures to reduce accident rate in the steel industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)to(c): No aircraft of Bokaro Steel Plant has crashed during the last three years and in the current year till date.

(d)&(e): Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), a Delhi based NGO had come out with a Green Rating Project (GRP) report namely "Into the Furnace" thereby assessing the environmental performances of 21 Indian iron and steel plants. Ministry of Steel has looked into this report in consultation with the steel plants and found that while some of the conclusions are true, many others are not factually correct. Moreover, comparisons are not on like to like basis and does not portray a true environmental status of the Indian Steel Industry. Nevertheless, the report has been taken with a positive spirit by the steel sector for improvement in their environment performance. Joint Committee on Safety, Health and Environment undertakes the following activities to spread awareness in the areas of Safety, Health & Environment and to reduce accident rate in the steel industry.

(i) Organizing various competitions on annual basis like safety essay, poster & calendar design competitions for individual employees & Ispat Suraksha Puraskars for member organisations and award winning performers.

(ii) Organizing meetings to have in-depth deliberations on accidents along with their control measures taken by member organisations and sharing new initiatives taken by members in the areas of Safety, Health & Environment for benefit of all.

(iii) Publishing a number of codes of safety likes 'Fire prevention in By Product Plant', 'Electrical Safety', 'Fire prevention during Welding & Cutting' etc., Manuals like 'General guidelines on statutory rules on safety in steel plants', 'Rail & road safety', 'Material handling', 'Construction safety etc. & various handouts are distributed amongst the member organizations.

(iv) Training programmes/ Seminar on various aspects of safety like safety in construction, gas safety, rail road safety and occupational Health and Environment Management are organized for spreading awareness amongst the organizations.