

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:783
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2013
ACCIDENT IN BCCL DHANBAD
Mahto Shri Baidyanath Prasad

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a mining accident occurred in Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) located in Dhanbad District in Jharkhand in November, 2013;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of labourers who died in the said accident;
- (c) the details of compensation and other benefits like jobs provided to the dependents of the deceased labourers and those who have become physically incapacitated in the accident; and
- (d) the corrective /safety measures taken by the Government to check such untoward accidents in coal mines in future?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) An accident occurred on 11.11.2013 at 11.30 A.M.in Basantimata Colliery of Chanch-Victoria Area of BCCL, Dhanbad.While Manager (Mining) along with three other workers was inspecting the face in depillaring district, a roof fall occurred inside the goaf which overrood the working place resulting fatal injury to four persons. Details of the deceased are as under:-

Sl.No. Name of Deceased Designation Date of Birth

1. Shri AroopChaterjee Manager (Mining) 28.03.1963
2. Shri Sita Ram Manjhi Explosive Carrier 17.09.1957
3. Shri Litu Sao Roof Bolter 12.01.1974
4. Shri HariLal Trammer 25.07.1978

An enquiry has been instituted by Director General of Mines Safety in to the accident.

(c) The details of compensation and other benefits provided to the dependent of the deceased as per the existing rules are as under:-

Sl.No.	Name	Special Relief (Rs)	Gratuity (Rs)	Compen- sation (Rs)	LCS gratia (Rs)	Ex- gratia (Rs)	B. Job Prov- ded
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1. AroopChaterjee 500000 1000000 617360 - - 100000 Wife

2. Sita Ram Manjhi 500000 670870 752600 112800 84400 20000 Wife

3. Litu Sao 500000 595054 793240 112800 84400 20000 Wife

4. HariLal 500000 1000000 617360 112800 84400 20000 Dau-
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(d) The following corrective/ safety measures have been taken to check accidents in coal mines: –

1. Enquiry into all incident/accidents is conducted and further action on recommendations.
2. International Organization for Standardization(I.S.O.) department of BCCL conducts regular inspections of all mines.
3. BCCL is having training wings to train and re-train all employee as per a time bound programme. Whenever new technology is introduced, special training is also given to concerned personnel.
4. BCCL Safety Board members along with Director & Sr. Executive inspect the mine once in a month to check and ensure safety standard.
5. BCCL has converted all the underground mines to loaderless mines so that exposure of personnel in the active face is reduced.
6. BCCL is keeping itself update with new technology in respect of safety equipments like Gas Monitoring System, Roof drilling m/c for roof bolting ,Local Methane Detector & Self rescuer.
7. Risk Assessment of each mine has been done and action has been initiated on the basis of assessment .
8. Consultants are engaged for specific cases. BCCL interacts with educational and scientific institutions like ISM, CIMFR for exploring improvement in safety measures.
9. Adequate funds are provided for safety.
10. BCCL has established `Strata control Cell` for addressing roof/side fall issues..