

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4117
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CONTAMINATED WATER FROM NMDC
Boianapalli Shri Vinod Kumar

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey has been conducted on the effects of contaminated `red water` released from the National Mineral Development Corporation`s (NMDC) Bailadila iron ore mine for agricultural land and farmers, cattle;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including villages affected, death of cattle and the percentage of agricultural land which has been polluted; and
- (c) the details of the compensation provided to the victims during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION;
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TEXTILES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE).(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) Yes, Madam. The joint surveys by the State Govt. and National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) have been conducted during the years 2004, 2007 and 2013.
- (b) NMDC is operating iron ore mines in South Bastar Dantewada district. The surveys show that 18 villages are affected and 32 cattle have died in Dantewada district; the percentage of agricultural land affected by this is however marginal.
- (c) The details of compensation provided to the victims in the last three years are as follows:

Crop compensation: Rs.143.75 lakhs
Cattle compensation: Rs.1.02 lakhs