

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1604  
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FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of fire accidents in factories and plants of various Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) reported and the number of persons died or injured therein during each of the last three years and the current year, factory/plant-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any investigation into the causes of fire accidents;
- (c) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (d) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to enforce strict fire safety regulations in factories/plants of PSUs in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL, MINES, LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

- (a): As per the information received from Chief Inspector of Factories of the State Governments and Union Territories, the details of the persons killed and injured in fire accidents in factories during 2010, 2011 and 2012 is given as Annexure-I.
- (b) to (d): The Government of India has framed a comprehensive legislation i.e. the Factories Act, 1948, for taking care of occupational safety, health and welfare issues of the workers employed in factories. The responsibility of enforcement of the provisions of the Factories Act, 1948 and Rules framed thereunder lies with the respective State Governments and Union Territories through their State Factories Inspectorates/Directorates. The provisions contained under Section 7-A and Section 38 and the rules prescribed thereunder are sufficient to take care of the fire and safety issues as far as the Manufacturing Sector is concerned. The details of the action taken against those responsible for various violations under Section 92 & 96A, i.e. including fire related accidents in registered factories under the Factories Act, 1948, during last three years i.e. 2010, 2011 and 2012 is enclosed as Annexure-IIA Annexure-IB & Annexure-IC.