

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Inspection of Mines
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the agencies engaged in inspection of mines;
- (b) the State-wise details of the mines inspected during the last three years and the current year in the country including Chhattisgarh;
- (c) the latest status of the mines so inspected; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to inspect all the coal mines in the country and the time by which the said mines are likely to be inspected?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER, COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a) There are certain agencies of the Central Government which have been assigned the task of inspecting mines periodically. The agencies are listed below along with their aims and objectives for inspecting mines-
- i. Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS): Under Constitution of India, safety, welfare and health of workers employed in mines are the concern of the Central Government (Entry 55-Union List, under Article 246). The same is administered by the Directorate-General of Mines Safety (DGMS), under the Union Ministry of Labour & Employment, through the Mines Act, 1952 and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder.
 - ii. Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM): Indian Bureau of Mines, a subordinate office under Ministry of Mines, Government of India, carries out inspection of mines of major minerals, through its inspecting officers for enforcement of the provisions of the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988 (MCDR, 1988).
 - iii. Coal Controller's Organization (CCO) : The Coal Controller's Organization (its regional offices including headquarters) inspect the collieries under the provisions of Colliery Control Rules, 2004 and the Coal Mines(Conservation and Development) Amendment (CCDA) Rules, 2011 for quality surveillance, CCDA Projects, opening permission, mine closure, excise duty, block inspection etc.

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- (b) to (c): The State-wise details of mines inspected during last three years in the country including Chhattisgarh and their current status is as below :-
- i. Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS): The organization of DGMS is divided into eight zones. Statistics vis-à-vis inspections/enquiries of mines are maintained zone-wise and the total number of inspections/enquiries made by DGMS officers in different types of mines during the last three years and current year and their current status is at Annexure-I.
 - ii. Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM): The State-wise details of mines inspected carried out by Indian Bureau of Mines during last three years and the current year in the country including Chhattisgarh is at Annexure-II.
 - iii. Coal Controller's Organization: State-wise details of coal mines inspected by the regional offices of Coal Controller Organization situated at Asansol, Dhanbad, Ranchi, Sambalpur, Bilaspur, Nagpur and Kothagudem and by Headquarter is at Annexure-III.
- (d). The following steps have been taken for inspection of coal mines in the country:-
- (i) All coal mines are inspected by DGMS under the Mines Act 1952. However the inspections are categorized under "Risk based Inspection System" and "emergency inspections". Thus, all the coal mines are not inspected by DGMS every year.
 - (ii) The scientific methodology of "Risk-based Inspection System" for coal mines has been devised. The software for the purpose has been developed by NIC and included in Shram Suidha Portal. Inspecting officers of DGMS inspect the mines based on the list of inspection generated through Shram Suidha portal
 - (iii) In addition, DGMS conducts emergency inspections in case of fatal accidents, disasters and dangerous occurrences etc.
 - (iv) Coal Controller Organization conducts inspection with a view to securing compliance of rules of Colliery Control Rules, 2004 and the Coal Mines((Conservation and Development) Amendment Rules 2011. During 2016-17 and 2017-18 upto July, 2017, all the coal producing mines of India have been inspected by Coal Controller Organization team and there is no mine pending for inspection.
