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SAFETY OF WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of occupational diseases at workplaces have been reported;
- (b) if so, the details of such diseases along with the number of deaths due to such occupation diseases during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and occupation-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to create health awareness about occupational diseases amongst labourers/workers working in hazardous workplaces in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) & (b): As per the available information from Chief Inspectors of Factories of States/UTs through Directorate General Factories Advice Service and Labour Institutes (DGFASLI) and Mine managements through Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), the total number of cases of occupational diseases reported State/UT-wise in factories and mines registered under the Factories Act, 1948 and Mines Act, 1952 during the last three years and current year are given at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.

(c): The Ministry of Labour & Employment declared the National Policy on Safety, Health and Environment at Workplace on 20th February, 2009. The purpose of this National Policy is to establish a preventive safety and health culture in the country through elimination of incidents of work related injuries, diseases, fatalities and disasters and to enhance the well-being of employees in all the sectors of economic activity in the country. The following steps are taken by the Government to create health awareness amongst the workers/labourers:

- (i) In order to increase the awareness about safety and health issues amongst the mine workers, safety week/fortnight, rescue and first-aid competitions are organized in the mines every year.
- (ii) Safety and health training programmes are organized among Managers and Supervisors for improving safety and health standards in mines and factories.
- (iii) National Safety Awards are granted to mine workers and Prime Ministers' Safety Awards are granted to the factories workers every year.