

Title : Need to provide special allowance to the employees working in the coalfields located in the naxalite-affected areas.

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (NAGPUR): Sir, the employees working in the Coalfields, particularly in the naxalite-affected areas, have to stay permanently at their place of posting along with their families. They have to put in their best to continue in the service. Their lives are already hazardous and the hazard becomes all the more difficult when coalfields are located in the Maoist-dominated areas. Therefore, they have been demanding a special allowance of 15 per cent as an incentive for working in the coalfields located in the naxalite-affected areas besides other allowances like tribal allowance, etc. The request of the employees appears to be quite genuine and I would urge upon the Government to consider the sanction of special allowance to the employees working in the Coalfields in the naxalite-affected areas.

Incidentally, the hon. Minister is here and, I hope, he will take cognizance of this appeal.

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