

QUESTION DETAILS

MINISTRY OF : LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1168

TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2019

Hazardous working conditions

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether accidents in factories/industrial units have been increasing over the years due to poor standard of safety, health and environment at industrial workplace for labourers/workers;
- (b) if so, details thereof during last three years, State-wise;
- (c) details of work-related mortality rate as well as occupation linked diseases of industrial workers during last three years;
- (d) whether factories are flouting rules by making labourers to work in hazardous conditions and by taking advantage of lack of worker's awareness about occupational safety and health hazards at workplace; and
- (e) if so, steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): As per the information collected through correspondence with the Chief Inspector of Factories (CIF) by Directorate General Factory Advice Service and Labour Institutes (DGFASLI) an attached office under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, the State/Union Territories wise details of fatal and non-fatal injuries occurred in the registered factories for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 are given as Annexure-I and the corresponding state-wise, number of workers employed in these factories for the same period is given as Annexure- II. The number of occupational diseases of industrial workers for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 is enclosed as Annexure-III.

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The Government of India has enacted a comprehensive legislation i.e. the Factories Act, 1948, for taking care of the occupational safety, health & welfare issues of the workers employed in the factories registered under the Factories Act, 1948. The occupiers of the factories registered under the Act are required to comply with the provisions of the Act and the Rules framed thereunder. The Act and the State Factories Rules framed there under are enforced by the respective States/UTs.

(d) & (e): The Factories Act, 1948 and the State Factories Rules framed there under are enforced by the respective States/UTs. In case of violation any of the provisions of the said Act and Rules framed thereunder, there are penal provisions under section 92 – general penalty for offences and for violation of the provisions of sections 41B, 41C and 41H prescribed under the ‘provisions related to hazardous processes’ under the Act, stringent penal provisions are provided under section 96A of the Act.

As per the information collected through correspondence with the Chief Inspector of Factories (CIF) by DGFASLI, the details of number of prosecutions, convictions, imprisonment and penalties under sections 92 and 96A of the Factories Act, 1948 for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 are given in Annexure IV-A, Annexure IV-B and Annexure IV-C respectively.

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