

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3220
FOR ANSWER ON 15/03/2021

FIRE IN IMB PLANT, MADHYA PRADESH

3220. DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a fire broke out at IMB plant in Bharveli Moil in Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh on 29th December, 2021 along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) the details of loss of property due to the fire at IMB plant;
- (c) whether any inquiry has been conducted into this incident and if so, the persons held responsible for the same;
- (d) whether any action has been taken against the officials responsible for this and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the total financial loss incurred to the said plant and the total amount spent for the renovation of the plant?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Fire broke out at Integrated Manganese Beneficiation (IMB) Plant of MOIL Ltd. located in Balaghat Mine of Madhya Pradesh on 29th December, 2020. As per inquiry conducted by MOIL, the reason of fire was short circuit.
- (b) In the fire incident, the civil structure of plant has been partially damaged. Further, Motor Control Center (MCC) panel room, Electrical stores and cables laid below the MCC room were burnt. Some part of HT VCB panel and Jig section were also found partially burnt.
- (c)&(d): Yes, Sir. MOIL has conducted departmental inquiry and based on inquiry, strict warning was issued to Assistant General Manager (Process) and Senior Manager (Electrical) of IMB plant. Director of Mines Safety (Electrical) has also conducted inquiry into the incident.
- (e) Subsequent to the fire incident on 29.12.2020, all major equipment of IMB plant were restarted, achieving about 70% capacity utilization by 08.01.2021, and 90% capacity restoration by 17.01.2021. On completion of repairing work, the plant has been restored to its full capacity on 27.01.2021. During the month of January, 3100 MT of ore remained unprocessed due to the fire incident, which was processed in the month of February, 2021. The total amount for the repairs of the plant has been estimated as Rs 1.18 crore which is covered by fire insurance policy.
