

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1116**  
FOR ANSWER ON 10/02/2021

**ROURKELA STEEL PLANT GAS LEAKAGE**

1116. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of Steel be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware about the number of casualties and injury to workers due to the toxic gas leakage incident at the Rourkela steel plant in Odisha;
- (b) if so, whether the injured workers and the legal representatives of the deceased were compensated; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) There were four casualties/fatalities due to release of entrapped gas at Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) in Odisha on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

(b)&(c): RSP has offered compassionate employment to an eligible dependent of the deceased Contract Labourers. For considering grant of compensation/dependent benefits as admissible to the next of kin of the deceased Contract Labourers under the ESI Act (Employees' State Insurance Act), a visit to the RSP has already been undertaken by the ESIC.

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