

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1756
FOR ANSWER ON 13/12/2021

CASUALTIES IN STEEL PLANTS

1756. DR. NARENDRA JADHAV:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of serious injuries, accidents, fatalities that have been sustained by workers over the last five years in subsidiaries of Steel Authority of India Limited;
- (b) the details of the ex-gratia provided to employees and contractual workers over the last five years;
- (c) whether any inquiry has been undertaken to ascertain reasons behind accidents at sites;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government has taken any measures to improve the safety and rescue division during the past five years; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI RAM CHANDRA PRASAD SINGH)

(a) SAIL Refractory Company Limited (SRCL) is the only operational subsidiary of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). The Number of Reportable and Fatal accidents that have been sustained by workers over the last five years in SRCL, a subsidiary of SAIL, are as following:-

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021(Till Nov.)
Reportable	2	1	2	1	5	3
Fatal	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(b) Compensation/benefits, as admissible, as per Employee Compensation Act / ESI Act applicable are given to the eligible workman.

(c)&(d): The accidents are jointly investigated by Safety Officer and Departmental Manager. Based on the recommendations of investigation, the causes of accident and remedial measures taken are discussed with the Shift Workers, in the Monthly Safety Review Meeting so as to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future. Machines including presses, forklifts, conveyor belts, elevators, tools and tackles etc. are inspected by third party (Competent Person) approved by Inspector of Factories.

(e)&(f): Ministry of Steel has formulated a set of 25 Safety Guidelines in 2019-20 for strengthening the safety ecosystem in the iron and steel sector in the country. These have been evolved after extensive interactions with the stakeholders and enable identifying the potential hazards in the iron and steel making industry and measures that need to be adopted to minimize accidents in order to ensure a safe working environment for the workforce.
