1158. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

a) whether National Institute of Miners’ Health undertook health surveillance studies for occupational diseases and hazard monitoring of workplace, as required under Mines Act, 1952;

b) if so, the details of studies undertaken during the last three years; and

c) the details of recommendations made, if any?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES AND STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. National Institute of Miners’ Health conducted studies in 103 mines during the last three years as per details provided below:

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(c) The recommendations of the studies have been made available to respective Mine Managers for appropriate action. The key recommendations *inter alia* include:

- Notification of Diseases like Pneumoconiosis and Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL) to the enforcement agency, namely, Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS).

- Repeat medical examination of suspected cases.

- Rehabilitation of workers suffering from Pneumoconiosis and NIHL.

- Examination by specialists of the workers suffering from diabetes, hypertension and lung function impairment etc.

- Installation of dust suppression measures and promotion of usage of personal protective equipments.

- Installation of permanent/mobile lighting arrangements as per the norms prescribed by the DGMS.

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