2665. SHRI HARIVANSH:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of districts in Jharkhand where District Mineral Foundation (DMF) has been established;
(b) the total share from revenue to be given to DMF;
(c) whether any fund has been given to DMF so far; and
(d) whether people affected from mining have been given any compensation from DMF and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): District Mineral Foundation (DMF) is to be established in all the 24 districts of Jharkhand.

(b) & (c): The DMF is to be funded by contributions from holders of mining lease and prospecting licence-cum-mining lease in the following manner:

i. Contribution from holders of a mining lease or a prospecting licence-cum-mining lease granted on or after the date of commencement of the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015 (12.01.2015), which shall be an amount equivalent to such percentage of the royalty as may be prescribed by the Central Government, not exceeding one-third of the royalty.

ii. Contribution from holders of a mining lease granted before the date of commencement of the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015, which shall be an amount as may be prescribed by the Central Government, not exceeding the amount of the royalty.

The rate of contribution to DMF is required to be decided by the Central Government. As DMFs are yet to be established in the State of Jharkhand, details of funds available with the DMFs or the amount released to DMFs are not available.

(d): Does not arise in view of reply given to (b) and (c) above.

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