

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2854**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2019

**STRIKE OF WORKERS OF UCIL, JADUGUDA**

2854. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that contract wages are yet to be paid to the workers of UCIL Jaduguda, Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that production was stalled for three days due to the strike of workers from 10th June to 15th June, 2019 and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS  
AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

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- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) Yes, Sir. Ore production from all mines, Ore processing and U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> production from all plants were stalled for six days i.e. from 10<sup>th</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019, due to resorting of strike by the employees in workmen category under the banner of workers Unions.

Wage Revision Settlement in respect of workmen in Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) is due from 01.04.2018. After several rounds of negotiations with the Unions followed by tripartite meetings with Asstt. Labour Commissioner (C) and Dy. Chief Labour Commissioner (Central), the matter of wage revision

could not be resolved due to illegitimate demands of unions. A referendum was also conducted as per unanimous decision taken in the tripartite meeting, which also could not yield acceptance of the workmen. UCIL offered the maximum possible increase in wages in line with the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) guidelines in this regard, but the unions did not agree. While the conciliation process was under progress, the workmen/unions resorted to illegal strike from 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 despite UCIL being declared a Public Utility Service Company by Govt. of India. About 54 workmen had gone inside Turamdih mines in 'A' Shift on 10.06.2019 but refused to come out till resolution of the issue, in gross violation of Section-35 of the Mines Act, 1932 which stipulates the maximum permissible working hours as 10 hours in a day. All above workmen were evacuated from the underground mine in the 'C' Shift of 12.06.2019 with the active cooperation of S.P. (Rural), ADM (Law & Order), District Police and Civil Administration.

Subsequently, a tripartite meeting was held on 15.06.2019 which was attended by unions, UCIL management, Member for Parliament of the area, Members of Legislative Assembly, President, Zila Parishad, ADM (Law & Order), SP (Rural) DSP (L&O) Inspector/OIC, Jaduguda/Sundernagar Police Station. After protracted negotiations, unions agreed to the offer of management and called off the strike to resume operations in all units of Jharkhand started from 'B' Shift and second half of General Shift on 15.06.2019 and 'A' Shift of 16.06.2019 at Tummalapalle, Kadappa, Andhra Pradesh.

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