

Summary of Interview

Name: Md. Ishak

Place of Work: Satgram Incline

Post: Piece Rated Under Ground Loader

Place of Interview: Interviewee's home

Language: Hindi

Date: 06/02/2005

From the very childhood he is in the colliery quarter of Sripur area. His father worked in the colliery. After his father death he joined in ECL around 20 years ago. Now his age is 45 years. In the early stage the work environment was good. Now the work environment is gradually becoming worse. The required machines and materials for production are not available. The whole area is full of dust and mud. Harassment of the workers is a regular feature. Though it's an eight hours working days but they have to work overtime. They carry the basket of coal for a long distance. They complained several of times to the management. But there was no improvement. Basically the management itself is corrupted. In the hospital of ECL most of the time there is no medicine available. He has regular contact with his village and goes there twice in a year. There is no tension between different religious groups. But as the condition of work is bad they have no peace. He thinks that if colliery is closed then they will get relief from the hard laborious job. Even unions have foiled to solve these problems. All leaders are the agent of Management. In their work place the union of CPI (M) has strong hold.

He did not hear anything about outsourcing or engaging private partners because he never goes to Khottadi, Bilpahari (i.e. Pandabaswar-Banlola area). Also they are very much busy in their own work in the mine. So it is not possible to keep information about outside.

He does not know the name of Pneumoconiosis. He said that most of them have Bronchitis. The arrangement of treatment is done by the ECL hospital.