



SAFETY ALERT: 44

Dhanbad, Dated 12.03.2026

SUBJECT: Fatal accident occurred due to uncontrolled movement of personnel carrier resulting collision with side wall of decline and toppling in Under Ground metal mine.

1. Name of Mine : Malanjkhanda Copper Mine
2. Name of Owner : Sri Sanjeev Kumar Sinha, Director (Operations & Mining) of M/s Hindustan Copper Limited
District : Balaghat
State : Madhya Pradesh
3. Mineral : Copper
4. Date and time of accident : 11.11.2025, 3:30 PM
5. Place of accident : Decline
6. Killed : 1. Name: Manglesh Yadav
Designation: Contractor Employee
Age: 33 Years
Experience: 33 months in (work) Operation.
2. Name: Ghanshyam Songade
Designation: Contractor Employee
Age: 51 Years
Experience: 49 months in (work) Operation.
7. Seriously Injured : 13
8. Brief Cause : While a personnel carrier carrying 23 persons including driver moving on downward gradient in decline of an underground metal mine, suddenly it gained speed and moved in uncontrolled manner for 330 meters and then collided and toppled resulting serious bodily injuries to 15 persons and reportable injuries to 08 persons. Later on, 02 serious bodily injured persons were succumbed to their injuries while being treated at hospital after 08 days.
9. Sketch showing the accident:



10. Best Practices:

1. Fail-safe brake should be maintained in safe working order and examined in speed to ensure its effectiveness to restrict the movement of personnel carrier.
 2. An interlock to activate the brake automatically if transmission comes to neutral position inadvertently should be maintained in safe working order.
 3. Wearing of seat belt by the persons seated in personnel compartment of personnel carrier should be ensured during travelling thereby not endangering the life of persons.
 4. Number of persons traveling in personnel carrier should be ensured as per approved seating capacity of personnel carrier.
 5. Operators should be properly trained on equipment specific training and accessed to make them competent enough to use all safety provision provided in equipment during emergency situation.
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