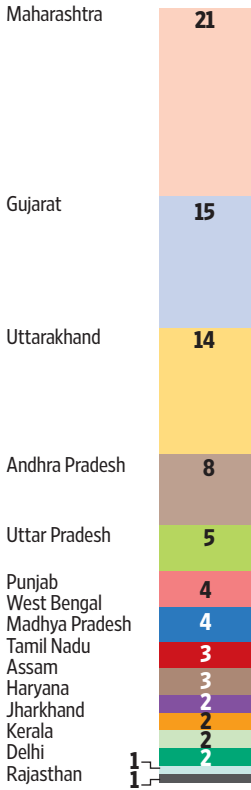


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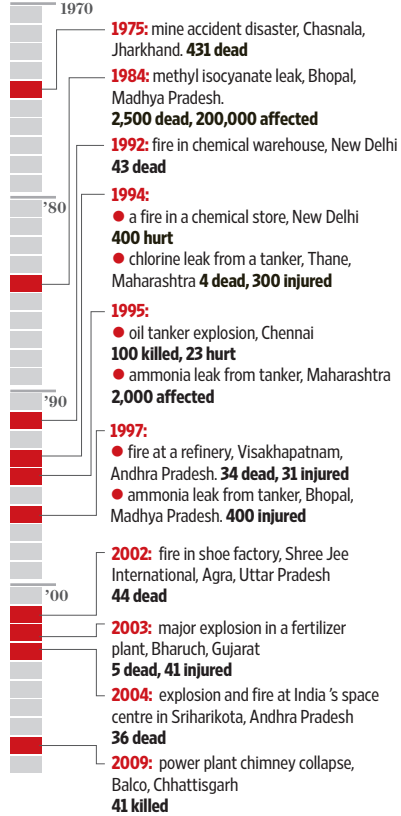
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Source: Ministry of environment and forest

Data compiled by Megha Chhabra

## Major disasters in chemical factories



Source: Centre for Communication and Development Studies; Centre for Education and Communication

## Major accidents in coal mines (post Independence period)

	Date	Name of mines	Fatalities	Cause	
<b>1950-60</b>	12 Jul'52	Dhemomain	12	Roof fall	
	05 Aug'53	Majri	11	Inundation	
	14 Mar'54	Damra	10	Explosion of fire damp.	
	10 Dec'54	Newton Chikli	63	Inundation	
	05 Feb'55	Amlabad	52	Explosion of fire damp.	
	26 Sep'56	Burra Dhemo	28	Inundation	
	19 Feb'58	Chinakuri	175	Explosion of fire damp.	
	20 Feb'58	Central Bhowra	23	Inundation	
	05 Jan'60	Damua	16	Inundation	
	<b>1961-70</b>	28 May'65	Dhori	268	Coal dust explosion
11 Apr'68		West Chirmiri	14	Premature collapse of workings	
<b>1971-80</b>	18 Mar'73	Jitpur	48	Explosion of fire damp.	
	08 Aug'75	Kessurgarh	11	Roof fall	
	18 Nov'75	Silewara	10	Inundation	
	27 Dec'75	Chasnala	375	Inundation	
	16 Sep'76	Central Saunda	10	Inundation	
	04 Oct'76	Sudamdih	43	Explosion of fire damp.	
	22 Jan'79	Baragolai	16	Ignition of fire damp	
	<b>1981-90</b>	24 Aug'81	Jagannath	10	Water gas explosion
		16 Jul'82	Topa	16	Roof fall
		14 Sep'83	Hurriladiah	19	Inundation
13 Nov'89		Mahabir	6	Inundation	
<b>1991-'00</b>		25 Jan'94	New Kenda	55	Fire/suffocation by gases
	26 Sep'95	Gaslitand	64	Inundation	
	06 Jul'99	Prascole	6	Fall of roof/collapse of workings	
	24 Jun'00	Kawadi	10	Failure of open cast bench	
	<b>2001...</b>	02 Feb'01	Bagdigji	29	Inundation
05 Mar'01		Durgapur Rayatwari	6	Collapse of partings/workings	
16 Jun'03		Godavari Khani-7LEP	17	Inundation	
16 Oct'03		GDK-8A	10	Roof fall	
15 Jun'05		Central Saunda	14	Inundation	

Source: Ministry of coal website