

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *12
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2020**

Master plan for rehabilitation of people at Jharia coal area, Jharkhand

***12. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:**

Will the **MINISTER OF COAL** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved a master plan to be implemented within ten years for the rehabilitation of the people affected by the underground fire and land subsidence in the Jharia coal area of Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the amount earmarked under various heads for the said master plan and the amount released against it; and
- (c) the details of the projects being implemented under the master plan and the status thereof, till date?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) in respect of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 12 for reply on 3rd February 2020 asked by Shri Mahesh Poddar regarding Master Plan for Rehabilitation of people at Jharia coal area, Jharkhand.

Reply (a): Yes Sir. Government has approved a Master Plan to be implemented within ten (10) years + 2 years for Pre-implementation activities for the rehabilitation of the people affected by the underground fire and land subsidence in the Jharia Coal area of Jharkhand.

Reply (b): The amount earmarked in various heads for the said master plan and the amount released is given below :-

(In Rs. Crore)			
Sl. No.	Head/Activity	Amount Provisioned	Amount Released
1	Fire Mitigation	2311.50	0.37
2	Rehabilitation and resettlement	4780.60	1476.22
3	Surveying & Planning for diversion of railway /major roads/ utility from unstable sites	20	20

Reply (c): Details of the projects identified and status thereof under Master Plan are as under:-

(I) Dealing with fires: Surface fire area extent in 1996 was 8.9 sq km (World Bank study). Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) had prepared 45 fire schemes for dousing off the fire. Out of these, active fire at 17 schemes has been doused off. In the remaining locations, the fire dealing is affected by non-shifting of Dhanbad-Chandrapura Railway line and also due to non-shifting of LTH (Legal Title Holder) and non-LTH families.

(II) Rehabilitation & Resettlement of persons from the affected areas: As per Master Plan approved in 2009, 54159 families were to be rehabilitated from 595 locations. In recent demographic survey, Jharia Rehabilitation and Development Authority (JRDA), a State Govt. authority of Jharkhand has identified 104946 families (32064 LTH and 72882 non-LTH) to be rehabilitated. JRDA has started construction of 18352 houses out of which 6352 houses were constructed and 2152 non-BCCL families have been shifted so far.

(III) Survey for diversion of surface infrastructure: JRDA awarded work to M/s RITES for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for diversion of Rail, Road, Transmission lines & Water supply lines from the earmarked fire & subsidence prone unstable areas. The DPR has been submitted to Railways.