

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1103
ANSWERED ON:05.03.2008
REHABILITATION OF AFFECTED PEOPLE OF RANIGANJ COALFIELD
Acharia Shri Basudeb

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of West Bengal for rehabilitation of affected people of Raniganj Coalfield areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

- (a): Yes, Sir.A Master plan dealing with fire,subsidence and rehabilitation of affected people of Raniganj coalfield prepared by Coal India Ltd was referred to the West Bengal Government seeking their concurrence to the proposed R&R package under the Master plan. The Government of West Bengal has conveyed their acceptance to the Resettlement & Rehabilitation (R & R) package proposed in the Master plan with some modifications;
- (b): The Master plan comprises of rehabilitation of 33196 affected houses/families involving 1,80,263 persons at an estimated capital cost of Rs.2256.82 crore spread over a period of ten years in two phases,diversion of roads/pipelines/railway lines etc.from unstable locations with an estimated capital cost of Rs.7.72 crore covering seven areas and dealing with fires in seven areas with an estimated capital cost of Rs.35.88 crore.
- (c): The Master/action plan dealing with fire,subsidence and rehabilitation of affected people for Raniganj Coalfield areas is under active consideration of the Government.