

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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SUBSISTENCE OF LAND IN ECL AREA

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that surface areas of various coalfields have sub-sided and subsequently the localities become the victim of fire and gas;

(b) if so, the localities affected due to these incidents;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the localities from the danger of subsistence, fire and gas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (DR.DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) Surface has subsided at various areas in Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) and these localities have the risk of fire / noxious gases as spontaneous heating & fire has taken place / may take place in subsided area due to surface breathing.

(b) The subsidence affected localities in ECL are Sanctoria, Samdi village, Harispur village, Bangalpara Baste, Kenda village, Arun Talkies, Kumar Bazar Borachak, Porarband, Bhutdoba, Fatehpur, Palasban, Gowala Basti Potlary, Haripur.

(c) & (d) A Master Plan has been prepared at an estimated capital outlay of Rs.1769.39 crores which is to be spent in four phases of five years each. The details of schemes to be taken up and expenditure involved are as under:-

Name of the Scheme	No.	(Rs.crores)
Stabilisation	43	Rs. 411.84
Resettlement	92	Rs. 1317.18
Fire areas & unsafe workings	7	Rs. 33.22
Diversion	7	Rs. 7.15
Total		Rs. 1769.39

Out of 15 on going schemes for stabilization and rehabilitation in Eastern Coalfields Limited, 5 schemes have been completed.