

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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REHABILITATION OF VILLAGERS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand Sonepur-Bazari project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the villagers around the project are likely to be affected;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to rehabilitate these villages; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL(SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The present capacity of Sonepur Bazari opencast project of 3.0 Million tonnes year (MTY) is proposed to be expanded to 8.0 MTY.
- (c) to (f): Yes, Sir. The villagers in the 11 villages that are likely to be affected due to the implementation of the project will be rehabilitated in a phased manner.