## MASTER PLAN FOR JHARIA AND RANIGANJ COALFIELDS .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALCOAL be  pleased to state :-


(a)  whether  Government has drawn a Master Plan for  Jharia and Raniganj coalfields dealing with fire, rehabilitation of people, etc.; and

(b)  if so, the progress made in this regard?

## ANSWER

MINISTER  OF  STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY  OF COAL  AND  MINISTER  OF STATE (INDEPENDENT  CHARGE)  IN  THE  MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

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(a) & (b):    Yes, Sir. A Master Plan dealing with  fire, subsidence,  rehabilitation and  diversion  of surface infrastructure in Jharia and Raniganj coalfields within  the leasehold  of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) and  Eastern Coalfields  Limited (ECL)  at an  estimated  investment  of Rs.9657.61 crore (Rs.7028.40 crore for Jharia Coalfield  and Rs.2629.21 crore for Raniganj Coalfield) excluding Rs.116.23 crore  sanctioned  earlier for various  Schemes  under Environmental  Measures & Subsidence Control (EMSC)  Schemes has  been  approved by the Government in August  2009.   For implementation of the Master Plan, Jharia Rehabilitation and Development Authority (JRDA) and Asnsol Durgapur Development Authority (ADDA) have been notified as implementing agencies by  the  respective State Governments of Jharkhand and  West Bengal.   A  High  Powered  Central  Committee under  the Chairmanship  of Secretary (Coal) with representatives  from other Ministries/Departments, State Governments of Jharkhand & West Bengal and concerned coal companies has been set  up to  monitor implementation of the Master Plan. Some  actions have  been  taken, as pre-implementation activities  of  the Master  Plan for fire control, stabilization, Demographic / Socio-Economic  Survey,  identification  of  area  for rehabilitation, construction of houses for rehabilitation of endangered  people  etc. under various EMSC,  rehabilitation and control  of  fire schemes both in Jharia  and  Raniganj coalfields.