

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**Unstarred Question No. 3253**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2018**

**Problems of fire in coal mines of Jharkhand**

**3253. SHRI B.K.HARIPRASAD:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that people have been facing problems for a long time due to fire in the coal mines in Jharkhand; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made, so far, in last three years to quench fire in these coal mines?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) to (b):** Yes sir. Government is aware that people have been facing the problems for a long time due to fire in the coal mines in Jharkhand. A Master Plan was prepared by Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI) and approved by Government of India in August, 2009 for dealing with fire, subsidence and rehabilitation in the lease hold of BCCL. As per Master Plan an area of 25.60 Sq. Kms, which covers the unstable areas/subsidence and fire affected areas, now has reduced to 2.18 sq km, as per satellite survey done by National Remote Sensing Centre, ISRO, Deptt of Space Hyderabad. BCCL has prepared action plan for dousing off the fire from 42 sites covering an area of 2.18 sq. km. Out of these 42 sites, the work of dousing the fire at 10 locations has been completed.

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