

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 68
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025**

Underground fire in and around the coal fields of Jharkhand

68 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

Will the Minister of *Coal* be pleased to state:

- (a) number of people living in underground fire affected areas of the coal fields of Jharkhand;
- (b) number of people who have lost their lives in the underground fire incidents. year-wise details data;
- (c) number of residents relocated from these areas including Jharia to safer place. Year-wise State wise data for the last three years; and
- (d) the amount spent by the Union Government towards rehabilitation in the last three years ?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF COAL & MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a) : As per the Revised Jharia Master Plan 2025, total 15080 families are residing at 81 most vulnerable sites which are unstable due to fire and subsidence in Jharkhand.

(b): No fatalities have been reported due to underground fire incidents in these coalfield areas. Hence, year-wise data is not applicable.

(c): The number of families relocated from these fire-affected areas, including Jharia, to safer locations during the last three financial years is as under:

Financial Year	Nos. of families
2022-23	250
2023-24	328
2024-25	71
Total	649

(d): The amount spent towards rehabilitation under the Jharia Master Plan during the last three financial years are as follows:

Financial year	Expenses (Rs. Cr.)
2022-23	47.90
2023-24	667.97
2024-25	24.30
Total	740.17
