

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1714 #
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025

**NEGLECTED PRIORITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN MINING-AFFECTED
AREAS**

1714 # SHRI PRADIP KUMAR VARMA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that from the financial years 2021-22 to 2024-25, no schemes were approved and not even a rupee was spent thereon in key priority areas such as Skill Development & Livelihood Generation, Welfare of Aged & Differently Abled and Welfare of Women & Children in the West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand under the District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT);
- (b) whether it is also a fact that measures such as Environmental Preservation, Pollution Control Measures and Water Management have consistently been neglected; and
- (c) the reasons for such negligence as all of these are included as high priority in the DMF guidelines, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c) As per information received from the State Government of Jharkhand, during the financial years 2021–22 to 2024–25, a total of 213 projects amounting to ₹39.21 crore were sanctioned, of which ₹33.67 crore spent in key priority areas such as Skill Development & Livelihood Generation, Welfare of the Aged & Differently Abled, and Welfare of Women & Children in West Singhbhum district under the DMFT. Further, 41 projects worth ₹48.08 crore were sanctioned, of which ₹45.56 crore spent in priority areas including Environment Preservation, Pollution Control Measures, and Water Management in the district under the DMFT during the aforesaid period.
