

since then 65 women scientists have been awarded a total research grant amounting to 7.13 crores. The scholarship schemes have been availed of by women scientists in 20 states of the country. The actual expenditure in the Eleventh plan for schemes to enhance participation of women in the field of science and technology was 228 crores. The annual plan outlay for these schemes has been increased by 25% in the current financial year. Scholarship schemes have been availed of by women scientists in 20 states of the country. Government is continuously working to expand the scope of opportunities for women scientists.

Fund for rehabilitation of Jharia and Raniganj Coalfields

*60. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the MINISTER OF COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) how much fund the Ministry has sanctioned for rehabilitation of Jharia and Raniganj coalfields;
- (b) how much fund has been utilised;
- (c) whether there is any problem to identify land to start new township?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The approved outlay of the Master Plan is Rs. 9773.84 crores ((Raniganj Coalfields—Rs. 2661.73 crore; Jharia Coalfields—Rs. 7112.11 crore). This outlay is proposed to be funded through Internal Resources of Coal India Limited to the extent of Rs. 350 crore per annum and the remaining from the collections of stowing excise duty under Coal Mines (Conservation and Development) Act, 1974.

(b) Till date an amount of Rs. 160.64 crore has been released to Asansol-Durgapur Development Authority (ADDA) in West Bengal and Rs. 111 crore has been released to Jharia Rehabilitation Development Authority (JRDA) in Jharkhand.

(c) As per the approved Master Plan the assessed requirement of land for rehabilitation in Jharia Coal Fields in BCCL Areas is about 1505 Ha and in Raniganj Coal Field it is about 2300 Acres or 931 Ha. With a view to expedite rehabilitation, Ministry of Coal has initially facilitated transfer of BCCL land to JRDA measuring 849.68 acres near Belgoria Township and 86.44 acres near Bhuli Township. In case of Raniganj Coal Fields in West Bengal, ADDA has obtained State Government's approval for acquisition of land for rehabilitation. Cooperation of State Governments concerned is highly important in acquisition of land for rehabilitation.