

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COAL  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 365  
ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023

**Extinguishing coal mine fire**

**365 # Smt. Mahua Maji:**

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state that:

- (a) whether Government is making any immediate efforts to extinguish the fire at Karkatta Colliery located at Khalari in the Ranchi district of Jharkhand to protect the underground natural reserves of coal keeping in view the demand of coal; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES  
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)**

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Management has taken following steps to extinguish the fire at Karkatta Colliery located at Khalari in the Ranchi district of Jharkhand to protect the underground natural reserves of coal:

- (i) An approach road was made to the site of the fire for blanketing the fire with soil.
- (ii) The top edge of the quarry and entry to quarry has been fenced off with parapet wall to avoid inadvertent entry of men and animals. Caution boards are also placed around the area to warn persons about danger area.
- (iii) Whenever there is leakage of gases, the concerned site is dozed and blanketed with soil on regular basis.
- (iv) Since the area is on forest land, management is trying to obtain forest clearance. Project has succeeded in obtaining Stage-I clearance in February 2023.
- (v) Management has decided to rehabilitate the residents of Karkatta village,

Bishrampur Panchayat as per CIL R&R policy 2012. Currently, survey of houses are being done by KDH management and further on completion of survey, proposal for compensation to house owners and PAFs (Project affected families) will be made.

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