

Loss suffered by ECL during 1979-80

208. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Eastern Coalfields Ltd., suffered a production loss of 58.91 lakh tonnes during 1979-80; and

(b) if so, steps taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) The estimated loss in production in 1979-80 in Eastern Coalfields Ltd. due to various causes is estimated at 7.05 million tonnes.

(b) Action has been taken to improve the supply of power to Coal Mines by increasing Damodar Valley Corporation generation and according a higher priority to supply of power to the Coal Industry. Action is also being taken to instal captive generation in the mines. Explosive have been imported to make in the shortage and steps taken to control absenteeism in the mines.

Supply of Paraffin to various States

209. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) State-wise requirements and supplies of paraffin during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether there is any policy in regard to the supplies;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the basis of distribution to the States?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) A market survey report prepared on behalf of the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., in June, 1976 had established the demand of paraffin wax in the country at 56000 tonnes for 1978-79. State wise estimates of demand have not been established in this survey. The demands projected by the Governments of various States|Union Territories, from time to time, for enhancement of their paraffin wax quotas appear to be un-realistic and inconsistent with their performance in uplifting even the quotas allotted.

Details of allocations made to States|Union Territories during the past 3 years are given in the enclosed statement. (b), (c) and (d). The yearly allocation of paraffin wax to the States|Union Territories are made on the basis of total expected availability of paraffin wax both indigenous and imported, in a particular year and the actual past wax upliftment performance of each States|Union Territory.

Statement

Name of the State	Allocation of Paraffin Wax		
	1977	1978	1979
1. Maharashtra	9,529	9,282	11,140
2. Gujarat	1,103	1,092	1,312
3. Madhya Pradesh	898	874	1,052
4. Goa, Daman and Diu	213	218	264
5. West Bengal	6,316	6,638	7,968