

Fire in Nandira Colliery

4425. SHRIMOHAN SINGH (DEORIA): Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nadira Colliery at Talcher caught fire;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been instituted;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (e). There was an incident of fire in Nandira Colliery of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited on 7.6.92 due to short circuiting in an electric cable. There was no casualty or serious injury in this incident. A high level committee has been appointed under the Chief General Manager (Production), Mahahandi Coalfields Ltd. to inquire into the cause and circumstances leading to the fire and to make recommendations to avoid recurrence of such incidents.

Renewal of Leases by ECL

4426. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eastern Coalfields Limited has moved the Government of West Bengal for the renewal of leases of land for Coalmines as per provisions of the West Bengal Estate Acquisition Act, 1953;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c). According to information furnished by Coal India Ltd. (CIL) there is no provision for renewal of leases of land for coal mining under the provisions of West Bengal Estate Acquisition Act, 1953. However Coal India Limited have represented against a move for resumption of some lands, which representation can not be construed as application for renewal of lease.

Installation of Space Technology in Assam

4428. SHRI KIRIP CHALIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the installations connected with space technology functioning in Assam and other North-Eastern states; and

(b) the details of further involvement of NE states in space technology being envisaged during the current plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMAR MANGALAM): Remote Sensing Application Centres (RSACs) have been set up in Assam and all other North-Eastern States by the concerned State Governments. Department of Space (DOS) has provided technical guidance and some funding for setting up these Centres. These State Remote Sensing Application Centres are carrying out various application projects in the areas such as forestry, agriculture, flood, ground water, soil erosion, land use and cover etc., using remote sensing satellite data. Several medium and

small Satellite Earth Station have been established in the North-Eastern Region for providing satellite based telecommunication services. A satellite-based Rural Telegraphy Network comprising of 50 terminals in the North-Eastern Region is being established with a hub station at Shillong to enhance the communication in the region. Assamese TV news service has been introduced since March 1991 using Indian National Satellite (INSAT) transponder in a time share mode with uplinking facility at Guwahati. Programme Production have been set up in respective State capitals in the North -Eastern Region and also at Silchar and Dibrugarh for production of programmes for North-Eastern regional service.

sponsored by ISRO) PROGRAMME, DOS is providing funds for Space Science Research in Manipur University

(b) During the 8th Five Year Plan, the Remote Sensing Application Centres will continue to be involved in various national projects such as wasteland mapping ground water potential zone mapping, land use/land cover mapping and flood monitoring. It is proposed to involve these Centres in the integrated missions of sustainable development. Under this project, following districts in the North -Eastern region have been selected for generation of local specific action plans for sustainable development:

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Arunachal Pradesh	...	East Siang
Assam	...	Karbianglong, Kamrup
Manipur	...	Imphal
Meghalaya	...	West Khasi
Mizoram	...	Aizwal
Nagaland	...	Kohima
Tripura	...	North Tripura

The satellite based Rural Telegraphy Net work will be commissioned during the 8th Year Plan. Further, DOS will continue to provide support for strengthening the remote sensing activities in the North-Eastern region.

canals and roads in Andhra Pradesh have been taken up under World Bank aid;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expenditure incurred so far on the projects;

(d) whether the tenders accepted for these works were abnormally in excess of the estimated amount; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

World Bank Loan to Andhra Pradesh for Repairing Drainage Etc.

4429. PROF. UMAREDDY VENKATESWARALU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the repair works of drainage,