

(d) whether capital investment in these units has been increased after 1991-92;

(e) if so, the quantum of additional capital investment made during the said period;

(f) whether measures have been taken by the Government made during these years to increase efficiency of these units; and

(g) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Dankuni Coal Complex (DCC) of Coal India Ltd., two subsidiaries of Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) have been incurring losses for some years.

(b) to (g). A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT

(b) to (g). The profit earned/loss incurred (before adjustments to Coal Price Regulation Accounts) by these units during the last three years is given below:

(Rs. in Crores)

	(+ Profit/(-)Loss		
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL)	(-) 380.10	(-) 370.26	(-) 341.87
Eastern Coal-fields Ltd. (ECL)	(-) 326.39	(-) 354.28	(-) 477.98
Dankuni Coal Complex (DCC)	(-) 22.95	(-) 40.76	(-) 36.57
Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. (SCCL)	(-) 205.07	(-) 122.11	(-) 16.26

The total capital investment in these units/companies has increased. The capital investments made during last three years were as follows :

(Rs in crores)

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	161.91	227.89	235.81
Eastern Coal fields Ltd.	356.40	421.20	364.13
Dankuni Coal Complex	1.68	1.40	0.82
Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd.	188.28	406.45	544.93

Following measures have been taken to increase efficiency in BCCL, ECL and DCC :

- (i) Effective control of cost of production.
- (ii) Improved manpower planning including redeployment of surplus manpower.

(iii) Mechanisation of coal loading in underground mines to improve production and productivity.

(iv) Improvement in availability and utilisation of heavy earth moving machinery by providing adequate workshop support, improved management of spares and rehabilitation of equipment.

(v) Exploring new market for DCC coke in ferro-alloy industries and arranging low phosphorous coal from Chirimiri Coalfield to DCC.

As regards SCCL the management have taken steps to improve production and productivity and the company has shown a marginal profit during 1993-94.

Crude Oil

*259. SHRI PARAS RAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated domestic crude oil production likely to be achieved in 1995-96 ;

(b) the targets set for production of crude oil in the country during the next three years, year-wise ;

(c) the basis on which the crude production targets are based ; and

(d) the likely percentage of decline in the crude imports in the event of achieving the projected targets of production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) to (d). The MOU targets for Crude Oil production by ONGC and OIL during the year 1995-96 have been proposed at about 37.1 million tonnes. The MOU targets for subsequent years have not been fixed yet.

The basis for fixation of Crude Oil production targets includes :

- (i) Balance of recoverable reserves in each zone/field.
- (ii) Impact of pressure maintenance in reservoir.
- (iii) Implementation schedules of major development projects.
- (iv) Production from accreted reserves in the previous year.
- (v) Commercialisation of Enhanced Oil Recovery processes.

[Translation]

Fire in Oil Wells

*260. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) the names of the places in the country where the oil wells caught fire during the current year;