

Health Care Facilities

3805. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN :

PROF. K.V. THOMAS :

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted some proposals regarding improvement in the quality of health care facilities, setting up of waste disposal system in District Hospitals, setting up of an institute of Immunology and Laboratory Services at T.D. Medical College, Alleppey and to provide better facilities at the Intensive Coronary Care Unit at Thiruvananthapuram for approval and financial assistance; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The action is pending with the State Government which has been requested to suitably modify the proposals.

Allotment of Coal

3806. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any gap between the supply and demand of coal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the annual allocation coal from the Central pool made to West Bengal is comparatively less than other States:

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any representation has been made to the Union Government in this respect; and

(f) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Production targets are fixed and assessment of demand is made by the Planning Commission. For the year 1995-96 the Planning Commission has fixed the overall demand of different sectors at 288 million tonnes. The production programmes of the coal companies in India is geared to meet this level of demand as was agreed to in the Planning Commission. Besides coal supplies are diverted to the power sector to meet their demand in times of emergencies like strikes etc. At such times shortages can be felt by others consumers.

(c) and (d) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the allocation of soft coke and CILCOKE made by the Government for domestic use.

The monthly allocation of soft coke and CILCOKE to various states for the period April, 1995 to March, 1996 are as follows :

(Figures in 000 tonnes)

States	Soft Coke	CILCOKE	Total
West Bengal	10.83	54.17	65.0
Bihar	10.00	50.00	60.0
Delhi	1.5	7.5	9.0
J & K	0.42	2.08	2.5
Himachal Pradesh	0.42	2.08	2.5
Uttar Pradesh	3.33	16.67	20.0
Orissa	0.30	1.50	1.8
Assam	0.16	0.84	1.0
Sikkim	0.17	0.83	1.0
Arunachal Pradesh	0.02	0.08	0.1
Mizoram	0.04	0.21	0.25
Nagaland	0.17	0.83	1.0
Tripura	0.09	0.41	0.5
Manipur	0.02	0.08	0.1
Madhya Pradesh	0.92	4.08	5.0
Meghalaya	0.02	0.08	0.1
Maharashtra	0.33	1.67	2.0
Gujarat	0.33	1.67	2.0

The above table illustrates the fact that West Bengal enjoys highest allocation of soft coke and CILCOKE during the year 1995-96.

(e) and (f) There had been representations for increased allocation of soft coke from various States. With the availability of soft coke having come down considerably, the allocations are primarily made to the States where soft coke is produced, namely West Bengal and Bihar. Small quantities are only allocated to the adjoining States. Higher allocation of CILCOKE are being made so that the total availability of soft coke and CILCOKE for domestic purposes for various States remains unaffected.

The State Governments have been requested to popularise the use of CILCOKE in their States. This coke is smokeless and ideal for house hold use and has a higher calorific value, though the price is higher as compared to that of soft coke.

Coal is being supplied to briquetting units and several

Special Smokeless Fuel (SSF) Plants. The State Governments including that of West Bengal have been requested to monitor production of Briquettes/SSF by these units and also encourage new units so as to provide an alternative to soft coke.

Supply of Sub-Standard Coal

3807. SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the government have received any complaint from the government of West Bengal regarding supply of sub-standard coal to Thermal Power Stations in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to check recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Generally the complaints regarding quality of coal being supplied to the power houses relate to the presence of extraneous material in coal as also supply of over-sized coal. These complaints are examined on merit of each case and corrective action is taken to reduce the grievances of the consumers.

According to Coal India Limited (CIL), in the year 1994-95 on a total supply of 15.3 million tonnes of coal to power houses of West Bengal 9 complaints relating to quality were received. During the current year, only 3 complaints have been received upto November on a total of 10.32 million tonnes coal supplied to power houses of West Bengal.

(c) In order to bring down the quality complaints steps like installation of feeder breakers, segregation of stones at the time of loading of coal, better supervision and encouraging the consumers to post their representatives at the loading point for quality loading are taken by the coal companies.

Telegraph Service In Gujarat

3808. DR. AMRIT LAL KALIDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the places in Gujarat, where direct telegraph service is available;

(b) the places, where this service is proposed to be made available in the near future; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve telegraph service in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) There are 107 Stations in Gujarat Circle where direct telegraph service is available, as per Statement-I attached.

(b) 60 more stations are likely to be provided with

telegraph service in the near future as per Statement-II attached.

(c) Following steps are being taken to improve the telegraph service :

1. Navsari, Udhana, Surat-Nanpura, Daman, Valsad & Bilimore are being connected to Electronic Key Board Concentrator at Surat for faster clearance of Hindi telegraph traffic.
2. Teleprinter Concentrators are installed at Rajkot and Baroda.
3. Teleprinter Concentrator is planned to be installed at Bhavnagar during 1995-96.

STATEMENT-I

Names of places provided with direct telegraph facility through a big and small computerised systems :

Ahmedabad
 Ahmedabad-Mahinagar
 Ahmedabad-Navrangpura
 Ahmedabad-Naranpura
 Ahmedabad-Naroda
 Ahmedabad-Railwaypura
 Ahmedabad-Shahibag
 Ahmedabad-Vasna
 Ahmedabad-Bapunagar
 Ahmedabad-Vatva
 Ahmedabad-Odhav
 Ahwa Dang
 Amreli
 Anand
 Atul
 Amod
 Ankleshwar
 Baroda
 Baroda-Ellorapark
 Baroda-Fatehgunj
 Baroda-Makarapura
 Baroda-Fertilizernagar
 Baroda-Petrochemicals
 Baroda-Jawaharnagar