

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