

[English]

Diversion of Coking Coal to Non-Priority Sectors

*211. **SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:**
 SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total deposits of coal in the North East region of the country;

(b) whether substantial quantity of coking coal from this region is being diverted to non.-priority sectors;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken to utilise all the coking coal in priority sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIP.A. SANGMA):

(a) The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has assessed a cumulative coal reserves of 864.78 million tonnes as on 1/1/1991 in North Eastern region of the country. The category-wise reserves as on 1/1/1991 is given below:

Proved category	- 257.03 million tonnes
Indicated category	- 149.29 million tonnes
Inferred category	- 458.46 million tonnes
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864.46 million tonnes	

(b) to (d). Coal from Makum Coalfields of Assam, presently under extraction by Coal India Limited, has caking quality, but suffers from high sulphur content which restricts the use of this coal by steel plants for coke

making. The quantity of coal produced in this coal produced in this fields was 6.80 lakh tonnes in 90-91 of which about 1.40 lakh tonnes has been supplied to steel plants of Steel Authority of India Ltd., for blending purposes. The balance quantity of coal has been supplied to core industries like Railways, Cement, Fertilizers etc. As per programme, about 2.50 lakh tonnes of coking coal would be supplied to SAIL steel plants during 91-92. The despatches would be further stepped up to 3.0 lakh tonnes in 92-93 and 4.50 lakh tonnes by 96-97.

Global EGG Commission Meet, New Delhi

*212. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Global Egg Commission meet was held at New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the countries which attended the meet;

(c) the recommendations made at the said meet; and

(d) the follow-up action proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b). The International Egg Commission which is a private body held its Annual Production and Marketing Conference at New Delhi from 4th to 8th November, 1991. It is understood that the Conference was attended by delegates from Argentina, Austria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, South Africa, Switzerland, Sweden, Thailand, U.K. U.S.A. and Yugoslavia apart from India.

(c) No specific recommendation were made in the conference.

(d) Does not arise.

Dual Pricing Policy on Fertilizers

*213. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have fixed any criteria under the dual pricing policy on fertilizers to differentiate farmers on the basis of their agricultural production; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Sri Sallam Left Bank Canal Project

*214. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the modified report regarding the Srisallam Left Bank Canal Project has since been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCE (SHRIVIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Processing of Gold Extracted from Chigurukunta Gold Mines

*215. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mining operations are going on in the Chigurukunta Gold Mines in the Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the gold extracted from the above mine is also being processed there;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to process the gold near the mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). As the Ore mined from Chigargunta mines is of low grade, a separate recovery plant to process the Ores at Chigargunta has not been found economic. At the same time, additional capacity to process the ores is available at Kolar Gold Fields Mills which can take care of the ores produced in Kolar Gold Fields area (KGF area) as also Chigargunta mines, thereby utilising the idle capacity available at KGF mills. The ore produced from Chigargunta gold mine are processed at KGF mills. Presently, there is no proposal to process gold ore at Chigargunta.

Modernisation of IISCO

*216. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to entrust the job of modernisation and subsequent operation of the India Iron and Steel Company Limited to some private entrepreneurs;