[Translation]

Agro based Methyl Industry

9162. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring the agro-based methyl industry under the Khadi and Village Industries Sector;

(b) If so, whether any scheme is being implemented in Uttar Pradesh under the Khadi Village Industries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

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

[English]

Use of NIC Network for Parliamentary work

9163. SHRI SHANKER SINGH VAGHELA: SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of Planning and Programme Implementation be pleased to state:

(a) whether national Informatics centre network which is satellite based was used in collection of data and its dissemination regarding the recently held general election;

(b) whether the use of NIC network has affected the cost and time in collection and dissemination of data; and

(c) the other parliamentary purposes for

which the National Informatics Centre network is proposed to be used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the information wasdissemianted through Doordarshan and by providing dial-up computer Terminals to Chief Electoral Officers in the respective States/UTs.

(b) Yes, Sir it reduced the cost and time.

(c) NIC has developed and implmented the PARLIS (Parliament Library Information Services) database and database on parliament questions and answers. It is proposed to use NIC network (NICNET) for connecting State assemblies to Parliament for using the above databases and information exchange among them. The Madhya Pradesh State Assembly is already using NICNET for the above purpose.

[Translation]

Supply of Coal of Bokaro Steel Plant

9164. SHRIRAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal of sub-standard and having much ash contents is being supplied to Boakro Steei Plant, and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to supply good quality and having less ash content coal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYNAMA GOUDA): (a) Coking Coal supplies to the Steel plants including bokaro Steel Plant is being made after washig raw Coal and quaity of Coal is analysed jointly by he representative of the Coal Companies and the Steel Plants.