

MW Thermal Power Project at Belthara Road, District Ballia (U.P.) was received from Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board (UPSEB) in December, 1988.

(b) and (c) The proposal could not be processed for techno-economic clearance as some of the inputs and statutory clearances required for techno-economic appraisal were not tied-up. UPSEB in July, 1990 intimated Central Electricity Authority (CEA) that they were revising the project report for 3x250 MW capacity. The Project could be processed in the CEA on receipt of Revised Project Report and tie-up of various inputs and essential clearances.

LOSSES IN AIR INDIA

943. SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANT-RAO PATIL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Air India has started incurring losses;

(b) if so, what is the daily or monthly losses of the Air India at present and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any action plan has been proposed in order to make up the losses; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION, AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

SPREADER PROJECT OF NEYVELI LIGNITE CORPORATION LTD.

944. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the details of progress made in the Spreader Project of II Mine Expansion programme of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited contracts for which were awarded in May 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that the project has been abnormally delayed due to in-
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experience of the concerned parties who had no earlier experience in the development and erection of such a project;

(c) whether the cost of the project has also escalated with the delay in its execution;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the project is likely to be completed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) and (e) The Second Mine Expansion Project of Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. has a provision for two Spreaders. Spreader-I has been commissioned on 17-1-1991. The erection of Spreader-II was completed on 10-10-90 and it is on trial from 11-6-1991.

(b) There has been delay in commissioning of the two Spreaders. However, this delay is not on account of inexperience of the contractors, but attributable to the delay caused by other factors such as, acquisition of land, procurement of steel, design modifications and difficulties in erection, etc.

(c) No, Sir. The cost of the project is within the ceiling prescribed in the contract.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to

(c) above.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN BIHAR

945. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1425 on August 17, 1990 regarding development of tourism in Bihar and state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government of Bihar and proposal being made to the Union Government to develop Palirajgarh, Kalyaneshwar (Kalna), Gautam Kural, Ahilyasthan, Biski, Asuragrah as tourist places alongwith Sitamarhi and Vaishali;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Government of Bihar have informed that no survey has been conducted by them.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government of Bihar have informed that at present they are utilising their resources for developing places of the Buddhist interest and due to paucity of funds, they are unable to consider development of places mentioned in part (a) of the Question.

PRODUCTION OF COAL

946. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the labour productivity in terms of output per man shift (OMS) of the Coal

India Limited (CIL), its subsidiaries and the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) for 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) whether the productivity of open cast mines has been increasing over the years whereas the productivity of underground mines has almost remained static and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the scope of improving productivity of underground mines is there; and

(d) the production performance of subsidiaries of the Coal India Limited showing production of each company from open cast mines and underground mines, separately, during 1989-90 and 1990-91 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOURA) : (a) The information is given below :—

(in tonnes)

OMS

Company	1988-89			1989-90			1990-91		
	UG	OC	Over-all	UG	OC	Over-all	UG	OC	Over-all
ECL	0.48	1.99	0.73	0.43	1.52	0.61	0.41	1.57	0.61
BCCL	0.53	1.99	0.79	0.48	1.91	0.76	0.46	1.91	0.79
CCL	0.42	1.72	1.14	0.45	1.82	1.20	0.44	1.97	1.31
NCL	—	8.18	8.18	—	8.76	8.76	—	8.80	8.80
WCL	0.71	3.60	1.24	0.70	3.84	1.31	0.66	3.51	1.25
SECL	0.77	5.38	1.77	0.79	6.35	1.99	0.79	7.58	2.24
NEC	0.50	2.00	0.86	0.41	2.39	0.79	0.40	1.69	0.63
CIL	0.57	2.88	1.17	0.55	3.08	1.21	0.54	3.34	1.31
SCCL	0.76	5.18	0.96	0.71	5.46	0.99	0.65	4.76	0.96

(b) The productivity in underground mines has been stagnant due to non-achievement of targetted production from manual/mechanised Board and Pillar workings and longwall faces. In case of some of the underground mines there is also problem of surplus labour.

(c) Yes, Sir. Some of the steps already initiated towards improvement in productivity of underground mines inter alia include introduction of semi-mechanised drilling and blasting operations, mechanised loading of coal and introduction of new technologies like power support longwall