

**PRODUCTION OF COAL IN BIHAR
AND REVISION OF ROYALTY**

1013. **SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN :**
Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the reply given on July 16, 1991 to Unstarred question No. 212 regarding coal production and state :

(a) the ex-mine head coal price on February 12, 1981 and on January, 1989 when the coal price was last revised ;

(b) the total quantity of coal produced in Bihar cumulatively since 12-1-1981 or 1-4-1981 if the data are available only on financial year basis, upto 31st December, 1988 and 31-3-1989 ;

(c) whether the coal producing states have been pressing for automatic revision of rate of royalty with the revision of coal price or for fixation of royalty ad-valorem ; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B.
NYAMAGOUDA) :**

(a) The ex-pithead prices of coal vary from grade to grade. The average ex-pithead prices of coal for Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) on the dates indicated are given below.

(Prices in Rs. per tonne)

	CIL	SCCL
12-2-1981	128.02	136.85
1-1-1989	249.00	270.00
24-1-1989	249.00	297.00

(b) According to available information, coal produced in Bihar during the period

Year	
1988-89	
1989-90	
1990-91	
Total	

1-4-1981 to 31-3-1989 adds upto 458.33 million tonnes.

(c) Some of the States have been suggesting fixation of rates of royalty on ad-valorem basis.

(d) The study groups appointed by the Government over a period of time to recommend enhancement of rates of royalty on coal have not favoured its fixation on ad-valorem basis. However the proposal to enhance the specific rates of royalty on coal is under consideration of the Government.

**RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN
BIHAR**

1014. **SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN :**
Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages electrified in Kishanganj, Araria, Purnea district of Bihar during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-1991 ;

(b) the number of unelectrified villages as on April 1, 1991 ;

(c) the number of villages likely to be electrified during 1991-92, district-wise , and

(d) whether power supply is actually available in the villages which have been electrified so far, and if so, the number of electrified villages in which power was actually available as on March 31, 1991 ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
(SHRI KALP NATH RAI) :** (a) As per available information, the number of villages electrified in Kishanganj, Araria and Purnea districts of Bihar during the last three years are as under :—

	Kishanganj	Araria	Purnea
	17	32	58
	30	29	47
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Total	47	61	107

(b) The number of unelectrified villages in the districts of Kishanganj, Araria and Purnea as on 1st April, 1991 was 364, 252 and 442 respectively.

(c) The Bihar State Electricity Board has proposed to electrify five villages in Kishanganj, one village in Araria district and twelve villages in Purnea district during 1991-92.

(d) Supply of power to electrified villages from the State grid is managed by the State Electricity Boards. The power cuts as decided at the State level apply to the rural load feeders as well.

PASSENGER HALTS ON PANSKURA-HALDIA SECTION

1015. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide passenger halt at Kandhbarh, Mahisadal Bayar and Baniachak on the Panskura-Haldia section of South-Eastern Railway ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be provided ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

AIR LINKING OF STATE CAPITALS WITH BHOPAL

1016. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal of the Indian Airlines to link all the State capitals with each other in the near future ; and

(b) if so, whether Jaipur, Lucknow, Patna, Hyderabad, Bhubaneswar and

Calcutta will be connected with Bhopal during 1991 ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

POWER SUPPLY IN CHANDIGARH

1017. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN-SAL : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the power supply position is erratic in Chandigarh ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to rectify/improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) According to the Administration of the Union Territory of Chandigarh, the power supply position in Chandigarh is not erratic. However, low voltage and voltage fluctuations occurred in some pockets of the city due to overloading of the system in the neighbouring States from where power is supplied to the Union Territory.

(b) In order to improve the situation, the Chandigarh Administration has taken steps to regulate the power supply which include imposing peak period restrictions and staggering of weekly off days of the Industrial consumers, addition of capacitors to the system for improving the voltage profile of the distribution system, augmentation and strengthening of the Transmission and Distribution Systems etc.

ADDITIONAL COACHES IN TRAINS RUNNING FROM CHANDIGARH

1018. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN-SAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether additional coaches have not been attached for Haridwar, Lucknow