

[English]

World Bank Loan to Coal India Limited

1846. SHRI M. V. CHANDRA-SHEKARA MURTHY:
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coal India Limited has been advised not

to procure machinery and equipments from the Heavy Engineering Corporation Limited for its development projects with the aid and assistance received from the World Bank; and

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) The undermentioned coal projects are being implemented with the assistance of the World Bank:—

<i>Project</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Amount of loan (US\$ million)</i>
Dudhichua OC	NCL	109.0
Block-II OC	BCCL	57.7
Sonepur Bazari OC	ECL	114.8
Gevra OCP	SECL	65.2

During the course of implementation of these projects Supervision Missions from the World Bank have been visiting India for reviewing the various aspects related to the project activities funded by the Bank. For Dudhichua OCP a Dragline financed by the World Bank was ordered on Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC), Ranchi. The supply of the dragline components was delayed and the World Bank Mission had also expressed concern about the quality aspects of the dragline component. During its visit to India in January-February, 1991 the Mission observed that the commissioning of the dragline would be delayed by 18 months as some critical items still remained to be supplied. The Mission had also expressed concern about the poor performance of HEC both on quality and on timely delivery taken together with their past record of CIL and other contract deliveries. It was in this background that the Mission expressed doubt if the Bank would be willing to give their no objection to any future recommendation of contract award to HEC for supply of major dragline.

This observation of the World Bank is related to Bank funded coal projects. However, Coal India Limited have not received any directions from the World Bank not to procure any equipment with World Bank aid from HEC.

[Translation]

Proposal for Main Railway Station at Agra

1847. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a new main railway station from where each train passing through Agra be stopped for taking passengers at a centralised station in Agra;

(b) if not, whether there is any such proposal to convert any of the existing railway stations at Agra into a main railway station for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and