

erra line has been damaged since May'91 due to floods and presently no trains are running on this section.

Earlier two pairs of trains were running but due to poor patronisation it has now been decided to run only one pair of trains with seven coaches after restoration of traffic in September'91.

There is no proposal, at present, to increase the number of coaches, to introduce diesel traction or to upgrade the track, as the same are sufficient for the current level of traffic and speed.

[*Translation*]

Supply of Coal to Paper Industry

2871. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Kagaj Udyog Sankat Main' appearing in the 'Nav Bharat Times' dated July 16, 1991; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. There has been some shortfall in supply of coal to industrial consumers because more coal had to be made available to higher priority core sectors like Power, Cement, Steel, Railways, Fertilizers etc. However, the Ministry of Coal have now issued instructions to coal companies to supply at least 50% of the

linked quantity of coal to the non-core industries including paper industry, by rail or by road. This step taken by the Government will considerably resolve the problem of supply of coal to these industrial units.

Complaints against Quality of Coal Supplies

2872. SHRI LAKSHMI NARAIN MANI TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of coal supplied by the Bharat Coling Coal Limited and the Central Coalfields Limited to the electricity industry, fertilizer and V. R. K. through rail;

(b) the number of complaints received department-wise and person-wise;

(c) the number of cases of supply of coal non-conforming to the specifications and the quality;

(d) the names of departments and the amount of money due from each of them and since when with reference to supply of coal non-conforming to the specification and the quality; and

(e) the amount deducted by coal purchasing departments in this regard on this account?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) According to information furnished by Coal India Ltd., the total quantity of raw coal supplied by Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) and Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL) to power houses, fertilizers and BRK industries by rail during 1990-91 was as under:-