

(b) The Farm has earned profits during the year 1989-90 and 1990-91 as per details indicated below;

<i>(Rs. in Lakhs)</i>	
<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1989-90	95.85
1990-91	29.22 <i>(Tentative)</i>

(c) The required information is as under:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Area in hec.</i>
1989-90	Kharif (279) Rabi (903)
1990-91	Kharif (3968) Rabi (818) <i>(Tentative)</i>

<i>Year</i>	<i>(in Lakh tonnes)</i>	
	<i>Lignite</i>	<i>Leco (Coke)</i>
1990-91	117.59	2.55
1991-92 (upto end Oct.91)	74.87	1.59

The selling price as on 29-11-1991 is as under:-

<b>Raw Lignite</b>	<b>Rs. 410/tonne</b>
<b>Leco</b>	<b>Rs. 1,900/tonne</b>

(b) and (c): No, Sir. The relative calorific value of coal is taken into account while fixing the price of Lignite and Leco. In fact, the selling price of Lignite and Leco is higher than the landed cost of coal if taken only in calorific terms. The price of raw lignite was revised from Rs. 325/tonne to Rs. 410/tonne only in October, 1991. The price of Leco was

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### Production of Lignite and Leco in NIC

2373. DR. P VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of Lignite and Leco in Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NIC) and their selling price per tonne;

(b) whether there is any shortfall in their selling price as compared to coal according to their calorific value; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase their price?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The production of lignite and Leco during 1990-91 and in the first seven months of the current year 1991-92 (from 1-4-91 to 31-10-91) is as follows:

revised to Rs. 1900/tonne from Rs. 1750/tonne in May, 1991. There is no justification, therefore, or need to further increase the prices at the moment. However, the market conditions and the relative price of coal is constantly monitored and as when these change, appropriate action for revising the price of Lignite and Leco would be taken.