

Shortage of Coal in Bokaro and Bhilai Steel Plants

*415. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bokaro and Bhilai Steel Plants are facing acute shortage of coking coal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether due to shortage of coking coal the production of steel in Bokaro and Bhilai Steel Plants have fallen considerably; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to meet their demand of coking coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOAHN DEB): (a) Yes, Sir. Shortage of indigenous coal and the resultant operational constraints are being felt in all steel plants of SAIL, including Bhilai and Bokaro Steel Plants.

(b) The shortage in indigenous coal availability is due to inadequate production and Coal Companies' inability to match supplies with the increasing requirements of steel plants.

(c) No, Sir. Shortfall in availability of indigenous coking coal is being overcome by SAIL through higher usage of imported coal and drawal from stocks.

(d) Regular and intensive monitoring of the coking coal availability at the Government level is being done and close interaction with Coal India Limited and Railways maintained to step up the production and movement of coking coal to match the steel plant requirements. Balance required quantities of coking coal are also being imported.

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Incentives to Farmers growing Sugarcane

*416. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have introduced any scheme to provide incentives to the sugarcane growers to increase their output as the domestic consumption of sugar is increasing annually;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme drawn up; and

(c) the assistance provided to each State for the research and development of sugarcane during the last two years and the amount actually utilised by those States?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b). Loans are provided to sugar factories both for development and research from the Sugar Development Fund (SDF). Development assistance available include incentive to cultivators to switch over to improved varieties, irrigation schemes, nurseries, pest control measures and setting up of Heat Treatment Plants.

A Sugarcane Adaptive Research Project (SARP) is also being implemented by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) under which improved seed material and crop husbandry practices are popularised among sugarcane growers.

(c) Details of the funds allotted to the States for research and development of sugarcane and the amount disbursed during 1989-90 and 1990-91 are in enclosed statement.

STATEMENT

Statement showing funds/loan provided to the states for development and research of Sugarcane and the amount disbursed to/incurred by the states

State	(Rs. in lakhs)						
	Sugarcane Development (Loan under Sugar Development Fund)			Sugarcane Research (Funds provided by ICAR to the States and amount incurred by them)			
	1989-90		1990-91	1989-90		1990-91	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	Sanctioned	Disbursed	Sanctioned	Disbursed			
1. Andhra Pradesh	536.99	759.87	—	418.98	5.44162	3.7942	
2. Assam	—	20.79	—	26.99	0.1024	—	
3. Bihar	198.64	105.20	102.12	33.34	2.046	7.1314	
4. Gujarat	130.48	82.49	—	25.09	—	—	
5. Haryana	334.62	526.49	—	104.51	1.093	4.3427	
6. Karnataka	1273.14	314.61	—	—	0.8115	2.4683	

(Rs. in lakhs)

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	1989-90		1990-91		1989-90	1990-91
	Sanctioned	Disbursed	Sanctioned	Disbursed		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7. Kerala	—	—	—	—	0.71	2.624
8. Madhya Pradesh	362.77	94.22	—	90.74	2.2395	6.64679
9. Maharashtra	2365.80	1447.94	615.68	1011.065	3.955	13.1113
10. Orissa	—	—	—	—	0.86025	2.2694
11. Punjab	692.08	399.57	—	424.27	4.518	7.759
12. Tamil Nadu	612.62	1212.83	—	650.41	187.339	192.0115
13. Uttar Pradesh	1886.86	1503.32	1936.87	1794.34	210.957	215.7789
14. Pondicherry	85.94	—	—	40.13	—	—
Total	8479.54	6467.33	2654.67	4619.865	420.07327	457.93689