

dents of each zone are eligible for enrolment into the units allotted to their respective zones.

The number of Provincial units in the zone in which the State of Madhya Pradesh is included works out to 23.5 per cent of the total number of Provincial units in India.

3. Recruitment to Urban units is restricted to the towns where such units are located.

4. Number of Urban units in Madhya Pradesh is 1.2 per cent of the total number of Urban units in the country. This is principally because urban units are largely concentrated in bigger towns or where the type of personnel required are readily available. Over 60 per cent of the Urban units are in only six towns.

Applications under Article 72 of the Constitution

688. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received, considered and finally disposed of under clauses (b) and (c) separately of article 72 of the Constitution of India during 1961 and 1962 so far;

(b) the number of cases in which pardons, reprieves, respites or remission of punishments were granted or the sentences were suspended, remitted or commuted of persons convicted of different offences during the same period; and

(c) the number of cases still under consideration?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) to (c). A statement giving the required information is placed on the table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 83].

Shortage of Coal in Punjab

689. **Shri Bagri:** Will the Minister of **Mines and Fuel** be pleased to state:

(a) how much coal was supplied to the State of Punjab in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of coal in Punjab; and

(c) if so, when Government propose to remove the coal shortage?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) The figures of actual supply of coal to the Punjab during the last three years are given below:

Year	Despatches (in wagons)
1959	65,503
1960	53,101
1961	60,784

(b) There have been reports of occasional shortages at some centres in the Punjab due to difficulties of movement.

(c) Government have already taken certain steps such as increasing the block rakes and in BOX type wagons, creation of coal dumps at suitable consuming Centres, etc., to improve supplies of coal and coke to all the States, including Punjab.

Further, Government is giving fresh thought to all questions concerning increased production of coal and ensuring greater satisfaction to consumers by increasing the movement by various means. Supplies to Punjab and other States are being kept in view in examining these question.

Local Purchase by Workshops

690. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent for the local purchase of stores in the following workshops for the year 1961-62;

(i) 505 Army Base Workshop, Delhi Cantt.;