

(b) There is no intention at present to increase the capital limit for Small Scale Industries from Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs.

Explosion in Indian Explosives Ltd., Gomia

820. Shri Vishram Prasad: Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an explosion occurred in the factory of Indian Explosives Ltd. at Gomia on the 30th June, 1964; and

(b) if so, the details of the explosion and the extent of damage?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An explosion occurred on the 30th June, 1964 at about 8.15 p.m. in the separator compartment of the N.A.B. Nitroglycerine Plant in the explosives factory of M/s. Indian Explosives Ltd., at Gomia while the plant was in operation. The separator compartment suffered major damage. Its 4 walls were pushed outward by blast and the roof collapsed. The equipment and other contents in the compartment were destroyed. No one suffered injury of any kind. Debris was confined to the immediate vicinity of the explosion and there was no damage to other plants.

Coal Seams in Hazaribagh

821. { Shri R. G. Dubey:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prospecting by the National Coal Development Corporation in three blocks of Hazaribagh district had led to the discovery of some rich seams of coal deposits; and

(b) if so, the estimated extent and the value of deposits?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri N. Sanjiva Reddy): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Coal Development Corporation has, in recent years, prospected for coal in a large number of blocks in the Hazaribagh District.

(b) Reserves of coal in different blocks prospected so far, are indicated in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. LT-3173/64]. It is not possible to give any value of deposits as this would depend on the extent to which the reserves prove mineable, the quality of coal etc.

Production in the Railway Workshops

822. { Dr. Ranen Sen:
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Shri Vishram Prasad:
Dr. Saradish Roy:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Perambur and Chittaranjan Railway workshops have reached optimum production level in their respective spheres; and

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Railways are trying to switch over to new types of production?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). A statement furnishing the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. LT-3174/64].

Dieselisation of Metre Gauge Railway

823. Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to dieselise any section of the Metre Gauge railway line in the near future; and