

(a) the total number of LPG cylinders produced in the country during the last three years;

(b) the total requirement during the same period;

(c) the total difference between the requirement and production, if any;

(d) the reasons for such difference; and

(e) the steps taken to meet the shortage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The production of LPG cylinders in the organised sector during the last three years is as under :—

1983	19.45 lakh nos.
1984	32.94 lakh nos.
1985	19.63 lakh nos.

(b) to (e). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Saving Raniganj from Subsidence

1285. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the concrete steps taken by Government to save Raniganj and its adjoining areas from subsidence; and

(b) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b). Due to unscientific exploitation of coal reserves during pre-nationalisation days, certain settlements in Raniganj coalfield area are faced with the problem of land subsidence. The following steps have been taken by Government of West Bengal, the Asansol-Durgapur Development Authority and Eastern Coalfields Limited to meet the problems arising out of the subsidence :—

(i) Prohibition of construction activities over areas declared unsafe for habitation under the law;

(ii) strict enforcement of the Mines Act and Rules, Regulations and the bye-laws made thereunder;

(iii) strict compliance with conditions stipulated by the Director General Mines Safety while giving permission for depillaring operations in the affected areas;

(iv) filling up of surface pot holes; and

(v) stabilisation of underground workings through innovative methods like stowing of sand and water slurry through bore holes and testing the efficiency of this technology by geophysical methods. Pilot trials are going on in Ramjibanpur which if found successful would be extended to other areas.

Non-functioning of L.P.G. Cylinder manufacturing units

1286. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise details of LIG cylinder plants which are not producing LPG cylinders;

(b) the reasons for non-production;

(c) the measures taken to re-open these units, details thereof; and

(d) the results achieved thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) ; (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Licences issued for manufacturing L.P.G. Cylinders

1287. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :