

reserve of 47.01 million tonnes of similar quality coals has proved in Ardhagram block.

Kalidaspur pilot mine has been sanctioned for a capacity of 0.07 million tonnes and is expected to start production in 1987-88. Project report for a bigger Kalidaspur underground mine has been prepared. Project report for Ardhagram mine has also been prepared.

#### Enquiry into Foodgrains lying in open

41. SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY :  
SHRI A.J.V.B. MAHESWARA RAO :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Wheat lies in open, units clash" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' on 17th September, 1986;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter;

(c) whether an investigation has been conducted in the matter and if so, the results thereof and action taken in that regard; and

(d) the steps being taken to expand storage facilities for foodgrains and prevent them from losses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A meeting was held in the Ministry in order to resolve the dispute between the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the National Project Construction Corporation (NPCC). As a result, an understanding has been reached between the two undertakings. Based on that, the NPCC has agreed to resume construction of storage capacity at the centres allotted to them and to hand over the completed godowns to the FCI.

(d) Following steps are being taken to

augment the availability of storage capacity for foodgrains :

(i) construction of covered storage capacity of 40.0 lakh tonnes during the Seventh Plan period by Food Corporation of India, Central Warehousing Corporation and State Warehousing Corporations;

(ii) hiring of additional storage capacity from various sources; and

(iii) improving utilisation of available storage capacity by increasing stack height.

Besides, arrangements have also been made to keep the stocks under cover-and-plinth (CAP) arrangement with adequate precautions to protect them against losses.

#### Power Generation in Salal Hydro-Electric Project

42. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Salal Hydro-Electric Project is ready for starting power generation; and

(b) if so, the time by which the project will start power generation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) and (b). All the major works of the project are in an advanced stage of completion and efforts are being made to commission the project in March, 1987.

[Translation]

#### Sanction to Rural Electrification Schemes of Rajasthan

43. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the numbers of villages and tube-wells in Rajasthan which have not been supplied electricity so far;