

Thus, except in the year 1984-85, the target of Coal production in the country has been nearly achieved.

(b) Various steps have been taken to increase production which include close monitoring of performance of coal companies, ensuring better utilisation of men and machinery, improvement in management and infrastructural facilities, viz. adequate power supply, etc., and expeditious completion of projects and better industrial relations.

[*Translation*]

Conversion of Nawada Telephone Exchange

9138. SHRI KUNWAR RAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in converting Nawada (Bihar) telephone exchange into an automatic exchange; and

(b) whether this work is likely to be completed during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). There is no delay in conversion of Nawada Telephone Exchange into an automatic Exchange. A 400 line automatic Electronic Exchange is planned during 1987-88.

Setting up of Automatic Telephone Exchange at Rajgrih in Nalanda District

9139. SHRI KUNWAR RAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land purchased by Department of Telecommunications at Rajgrih, Nalanda district to set up automatic Telephone Exchange has been occupied unauthorisedly by anti-social elements; and

(b) if so, the measures being taken to get this unauthorised occupation vacated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. There is no encroachment over the land purchased by Telecom. Department in Rajgrih, Nalanda District.

(b) The question does not arise.

Shortage of Telephone Operators in Uttar Pradesh

9140. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether communication services are not functioning properly in Uttar Pradesh due to shortage of telephone operators; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps to remove this shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. There is no serious shortage of Telephone Operators in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) In view of the reply at (a) above question does not arise.

[*English*]

Action on Banerjee Committee's Report by B.C.C.L.

9141. SHRI E. AYYAPPU REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Banerjee Committee which went into the working of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. has made any recommendation regarding overage workers and the distortions in the work force;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the action taken by the Bharat Coking Coal Limited on the recommendations contained in the Banerjee Committee's Report?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c). In its report, the Banerjee Committee which went into the working of Bharat Coking Coal Limited has, *inter-alia*, observed that there is an element of over population and under utilisation of manpower. The Committee has also made certain recommendations for improving upon the manpower situation in the company.

The report of the Committee is under examination in consultation with Coal India Limited.

Report of Working Group on Tehri Dam

9142. SHRI H.M. PATEL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working group on Tehri Dam has submitted its final report;

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) whether Government have processed the report; and

(d) if so, the action taken on the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) and (b). A Committee of Experts studied the environmental, rehabilitational, geological/geo-morphological and seismic aspects of the Tehri project and has concluded that adequate data and studies have been made to arrive at a safe and economic engineering structure and adequate technical expertise is available to deal with the design and construction of the project. The safety aspect of the dam has also been looked into.

(c) and (d). After considering the report

Government has cleared the project for implementation.

Executives in Oil India Limited

9143. PROF. PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of executives in Oil India Limited at present; and

(b) the number out of them who are from the North-Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) 1061.

(b) 527.

Assistance to sick Small Scale Industries

9144. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL: Will the minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sponsored any scheme on Margin Money Assistance to sick small scale industrial units in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) the number of small scale industrial units which are facing sickness in each State;

(d) the details of assistance given to each State under the scheme during the year 1986-87; and

(e) the number of sick industrial units which received the assistance in each State during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and