

Growth in Coal Production

65. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal industry has recorded a 100 per cent growth in its production during 80's;

(b) if so, the production target for 1989-90; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve it further?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The coal industry has recorded an increase in production of 90.69 million tonnes between 1980-81 and 1988-89 and has, thus, registered a growth of 87.2% during this period. At the end of the current financial year, i.e. 1989-90, the coal industry is expected to achieve an overall growth of over 100% during the decade, 1980-90.

(b) The production target for 1989-90 is 209.50 million tonnes.

(c) Steps taken to increase further the coal production, inter-alia, include opening of new mines, modernisation of existing mines, application of new technologies to achieve maximum results and making available required inputs and infrastructural facilities on time to optimise production of coal.

Rehabilitation of Scooters India Limited

66 SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA.

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have aban-

doned its plan to sell the Lucknow unit of the Scooters India Limited to the private sector Bajaj Auto Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are formulating a package to rehabilitate the unit and if so, the steps being taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c). Government is having another look at various options regarding the future of Scooters India Limited.

Purchase of New Airbus A-320

67. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines have included a new A-320 Airbus to its fleet;

(b) if so, the coast of the airbus passenger capacity and the fuel economy of the craft;

(c) in what respect it is economical than the existing aircrafts;

(d) the details of charges for its maintenance; and

(e) the number of such airbuses to be purchased in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cost of each of the first four Airbus A-320 aircraft received by Indian Airlines is US \$ 39, 351, 357 (Rs. 61,78,16,305/-) and additional custom duty of Rs. 1.58 crores have been paid for each aircraft. These aircraft are fitted with 168 economy class seats. Fuel consumption of