

is running special courses to prepare selected technicians having potential of becoming Aircraft Maintenance Engineers.

**Public Sector Industrial Unit in North Karnataka**

2339. SHRI S.T. PATIL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up any new industrial unit in the North Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to set up any new Central Public Sector Units in North Karnataka.

(b) Does not arise

**Expansion to Talcher and Ib Valley Coalfields**

2340. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the expansion of Talcher and Ib valley coalfields in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the specific plan drawn up for increasing the areas under coal mining in these two coalfields?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). A programme for increasing coal production in Talcher and Ib-valley coalfields in Orissa has been drawn up. According to the report of the working. Group on coal and Lignite for the 8th Five Year Plan, the coal production programme for these two coalfields has been projected as follows:

*(million tonnes)*

	1990-91	1994-95
Talcher coalfield	7.56	14.28
Ib-valley coalfield	5.73	10.98

The projected coal production for these coalfields will be achieved by production from existing mines, reorganisation/expansion of existing mines and also by opening of ten new projects.

**Setting up of Coal Company for (Orissa)**

2341. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

—(a) whether Government have a pro-

posal to set up a coal company exclusively in Orissa State:

(b) if so, when such proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). At present there is no proposal to set up separate Coal Company for Orissa. A post of Director (Technical) in South Eastern Coalfields