

boxes of explosives containing 500 Kgs. in total. [Translation]

[English]

Demand for Contraceptives

2444. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a continuous increase in the demand of contraceptives in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to meet the growing demand?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The indigenous manufacturing capacity for condoms can meet the demand. To ensure increased availability of Copper T, three firms in the private sector and one in the public sector are taking up its manufacture.

Orders for raw materials for oral pills have already been placed with United Nations Population Fund. Additional tableting facilities are being identified.

Supply of Coal for Thermal Power Stations

2445. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal mines located at Kathora in Bihar, are unable to supply the required quantity of coal to thermal power stations located in this area;

(b) if so, the coal demanded and supplied to thermal power stations during the last three years; and

(c) the steps the Government proposed to take to ensure supply of required quantity of coal to these thermal power stations in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT PANJA):

(a) Two coal based thermal power stations (T.P.Ss.) namely Bokaro TPS and Chandrapura TPS are located around Kathara, Bihar. Coal India Ltd. have repaired that sufficient coal is available to meet the full requirements of both these power stations.

(b) According to information furnished by Coal India Ltd., despatches to these power houses during last three years vis-a-vis their coal requirements are as follows:

(In million tonnes)

(Date provisional)

Year	Chandrapura TPS		Bokaro TPS	
	Requirements	Despatches	Requirements	Despatches
1990-91	1.95	1.47	1.11	1.21
1991-92	1.825	1.43	1.804	1.49
1992-93 (April '92 to January, 1993)	1.316	1.00	1.629	1.52