

Sixth and Seventh rounds of bidding and blocks for which bids were received are as under:

<i>Blocks offered</i>	<i>Blocks for which bids received</i>
<i>Fourth Round</i>	
GK-ON-90/1	GK-ON-90/1
GK-ON-90/2	GK-ON-90/2
GK-ON-90/3	
<i>Fifth Round</i>	
GK-ON-901/	
GK-OS/5	GK-OS/5
GK-ON/2/1	
BB-OS-5	BB-OS-5
<i>Sixth Round</i>	
GK-ON-90/1	
GK-ON-90/3	
GK-OS/6	GK-OS/6
GS-ON/1	GS-ON/1
CB-OS/1	CB-OS/1
CB-OS/2	CB-OS/2
CB-ON/2	CB-OS/2
CB-ON/6	
CB-ON/7	CB-ON/7
<i>Seventh Round</i>	
CB-ON/6	CB-ON/6
GK-ON-90/1	
GK-ON-90/3	
GK-ON/4	GK-ON/4

The companies which have submitted bids are from USA, Canada and Australia.

(c) and (d) Government has already approved award of contract for the block GK-ON-90/2 under Fourth round to a consortium of Pan Energy Resources Inc. USA, Coplex Resources Australia, Pan Pacific Petroleum, Australia and Trans Asia Consultants Pvt. Ltd. India. Under the Fifth round, Government has approved award of contract for block GK-OS/5 to a consortium of Rexwood-Okland, USA.

[Translation]

Irrigation Projects

2390. SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the irrigation projects sent by the Government of Madhya Pradesh to the Union Government for declaring them as National Projects; and

(b) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The Government of Madhya Pradesh had requested the Union Government to declare Indira Sagar Project estimated to cost Rs. 752.16 crore

and envisaging annual irrigation of 169.00 thousand hectares as a national project. The matter was examined in consultation with the Planning Commission and the proposal has not been agreed to.

Closure of Mines

2391. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASHAD SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the mines of the Eastern Coalfields Ltd. have been closed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a larger number of employees of ECL located in Raniganj Asansol coalfields have been retrenched as a result thereof;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have given an assurance to provide employment to the retrenched employees; and

(f) if so, the manner in which retrenched employees are proposed to be absorbed in service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND HOLDING ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to Coal India Limited 52 mines have been closed in Eastern Coalfields Limited after nationalisation.

(c) and (d) After the closure, the employees of these fifty two mines have been deployed in other mines within the Company.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

[English]

Irrigation Projects

2392. SHRI DILEEP BHAI SANGHANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided by the World Bank and the other foreign organisations for implementation of irrigation projects in Gujarat during 1993-94 and 1994-95 till date; and

(b) the present status of the on-going irrigation projects in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) Gujarat Medium Irrigation Project with World Bank assistance was under implementation in Gujarat uptill 31.3.1994. The World Bank has reimbursed an amount of US\$ 12.275 million during 1993-94 and US\$ 4.202 million upto 31.10.94 i.e. seven months beyond the credit closing date.

Besides, Gujarat is one of the ten participating States under the World Bank assisted National Water Management Project. For the Project as a whole, the World Bank has disbursed an amount of US\$ 34.315 million during 1993-94 and US., 20.375 million during 1994-95 uptill 31st October, 1994. The Project is scheduled to close on 31st March, 1995.