

- (v) Improvement in availability and utilisation of Heavy Earth Moving Machinery (HEMM) by providing adequate workshop support, improved management of spares and timely rehabilitation of equipment;
- (vi) Special emphasis on production from existing underground mines;
- (vii) Timely increase in coal price to off-set the increase in input costs.

(c) As a result of several steps taken, the financial performance of Coal India Ltd. has improved and Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries taken together have been earning profits during last three years.

Petrol Retail Outlets and LPG Agencies

2524. SHRI RAM SINGH KASHWAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of petrol retail outlets and LPG agencies in Rajasthan;
- (b) whether these are sufficient to meet the total demand of the State;
- (c) if not, the scheme formulated in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government propose to allot more petrol retail outlets and LPG agencies during 1995-96 in Rajasthan;
- (e) if so, the details in this regard and the time by which these are likely to be allotted; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) to (f). As on 1.1.1995, 941 RO dealerships and 189 LPG distributorships were functioning in Rajasthan. In order to meet the growing demand, 115 RO dealerships and 25 LPG distributorships have been included in the RO Marketing Plan 1988-93 and LPG Marketing Plan 1992-94, selection for which is underway through OSB (Rajasthan). In addition to the above, 99 RO dealerships and 39 LPG distributorships have been included in the RO Marketing Plan 1993-96 and LPG Marketing Plan 1994-96 for Rajasthan. It takes about 6-12 months for allotment of dealerships from the date of advertisement.

[English]

Pay Scales

2525. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the pay scales of Constables and Head-constables of Delhi Police are the lowest in comparison to the pay scales of other neighbouring States particularly in Chandigarh, Haryana and Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to remove the disparity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b). The information is as under:

State/U.T.	Pay Scales of	
	Constable(RS.)	Head Constable(Rs.)
Delhi	950-1400	975-1600
	(Matriculate)	
	825-1200	
	(Non-Matriculate)	
Chandigarh	1000-1800	1260-2100
Punjab	950-1800	1200-2100
	(with initial start of	(with initial start of
	Rs.1050/-	Rs. 1250/-)
Haryana	1000-1800	1200-2040
U.P.	950-1400	975-1660
Rajasthan	825-1350	950-1680

(c) The Vth Pay Commission is seized of the matter regarding pay revision of all categories of Government employees.

Bottling Plants

2526. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the existing capacity of the bottling plants in west Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) and (b). Presently, there is no proposal to augment the existing bottling capacity of the LPG bottling plants operating in the State of West Bengal.

[Translation]

TV Channels

2527. PROF RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian and foreign channels being operated on Doordarshan;

(b) the names of the States in the country and foreign countries covered by these channels;