

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the average cost involved in setting up a non-coking coal washery and the number of persons employed and the quantity of coal in tonnes washed per year therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b). Presumably, the Hon'ble Member wants to know the number of washeries set up to reduce ash in non-coking coal. As of now there is no washery in operation under Coal India Limited (CIL) for beneficiating non-coking coal. However, 2 non-coking coal washeries, one at Piparwar in Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) and the other at Bina in Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) with a total throughput capacity of 11 million tonnes per annum are under construction.

(c) to (e). CIL have also decided to set up 4 non-coking washeries at Kalinga and Ananta-Bharatpur in Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), Dipka in South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) and Sasti in Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) for a total throughput capacity of 20.70 million tonnes per annum under 'Build-Own-Operate' scheme with private investment.

The average capital cost involved in setting up a non-coking coal washery is in the range of Rs. 25 crores per million tonne of installed capacity. The manpower required is generally in the range of 50 to 75 per million tonne capacity depending on size, technology and extent of automation provided in the washery.

[English]

#### **New Petrol Retail Outlets.**

2723. SHRI ANNA JOSHI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new petrol retail outlets sanctioned by the Oil Selection Board during 1994-95 in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the above petrol retail outlets have since been allotted to the persons concerned; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) and (b). LOTs for all the 11 retail outlet dealerships recommended by the Oil Selection Board (Maharashtra, Goa, Daman and Diu) during the year 1994-95, have been issued by the Oil Marketing Companies in Maharashtra.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **National Languages in DD Programmes**

2724. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the time allocated to each language (mentioned in the 8th schedule) for the Delhi Doordarshan programmes during the last six months;

(b) whether it is a fact that the regional languages have been neglected almost completely;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) No specific time has been allocated for programmes to be telecast in a particular language by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

#### **Patrolling in Border Areas**

2725. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a need to intensify patrolling in the international borders where fencing is not possible; and

(b) if so, the steps taken and proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTEY RAZI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steps taken to intensify patrolling in the border areas include erection of OP Towers, increase in the number of Nakas, the supply of sophisticated gadgets, Jeeps, tractors, motor cycles and motor boats as well as reduction of gaps between BOPs in vulnerable areas.

#### **Silting in Major Reservoirs**

2726. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the major reservoirs in Andhra Pradesh are fast silting up and depleting their storage capacity;

(b) whether the Union Government are, contemplating any scheme to prevent such silting and providing financial assistance to the States in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?