

bility report for installation of Combined Cycle Power Plant of 760 MW (Gas Turbine-4x120MW+Steam Turbine-2x140 MW) in Ratnagiri District of Maharashtra (at an estimated cost of Rs. 569.18 crores) was received in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in March, 1989 from the Maharashtra State Electricity Board. The proposal could be techno-economically appraised by CEA only after all the essential inputs such as availability of water and gas etc. are tied up and necessary clearances including clearance from the environmental angle are obtained by the State Authorities.

Cancellation of Goods Trains under North-Frontier Railway

2781. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passenger and goods trains cancelled due to demand of autonomy in Karbi Anglong and N.C. Hills district of Assam under North Frontier Railway during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the estimated loss suffered by the railways as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Details are given below:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of passenger trains cancelled</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of goods trains affected</i>	<i>Wagon days lost</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
1988	106	1988-89	36	1800
1989	36	1989-90	52	2600
1990	390	1990-91	148	7400

(b) Loss suffered on passenger services during the period was Rs. 2,17,34,740/ and goods services was Rs. 22,41,153/-.

Exploration of Coal in New Areas

2782. SHRI P.C. THOMAS:
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA
RAJE:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to explore new areas for coal resources:

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to engage private and foreign parties in this

regard; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India is carrying out regional exploration for locating coal resources in the various parts of the country on a continuous basis. GSI have deployed 51 drills for carrying out regional exploration to locate the new coal areas in the States of West Bengal (6 drills), Bihar (9 drills), Orissa (6 drills), Madhya Pradesh (12 drills), Maharashtra (4 drills) and Andhra Pradesh (14 drills). In order to supplement the regional exploration being carried out by GSI, Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited have also deployed 22 drills for promotional regional drilling in the