

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Coal Reserves in Orissa

*46. SHRI BRIJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is huge reserve of high and medium grade coal in Orissa and its availability has been examined in detail by the Coal India Limited;

(b) If so, the details of coal (amount and grade) explored in Orissa during the last ten years; and

(c) the programme of the Government for exploration of coal in Orissa and target to be achieved by the end of the century?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir. There is huge reserve of coal in the State of Orissa but largely inferior grade useful for power generation, The inventory of coal resources in Orissa has been assessed by the Geological Survey of India on 1-1-1991 as 44,307 million tonnes. Only about 5-6% of the total reserves are of high and medium grades.

(b) The total incremental resources assessed over the last ten years in Orissa is about 38,000 million tonnes.

(c) Geological Survey of India has a programme to deploy 6 drills for regional exploration during the 8th and 9th Plan periods in Talcher and Ib Valley Coalfields of Orissa. This

is likely to establish further coal resources.

For the purpose of detailed exploration required for the mine planning and design, 21 drills would be deployed by Central Mine Planning and Design Institute in the 8th and 9th Plan periods in 24 blocks, which will enable bringing in an additional reserves of 9000 million tonnes to be brought into proven category.

Import of Petroleum Products

*47. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the category-wise imports of petroleum products in terms of rupee as well as quantity during the last one year;

(b) the extent of indigenous production of the above during the same period, category-wise and

(c) the current stock position, commitments made for imports and indigenous production of these items?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) During 1990-91 total import of various petroleum products was about 8.66 million tonnes valued at Rs. 4660.22 crores and the indigenous production of such products was 27.20 million tonnes.

During 1991-92 products import is currently planned at about 9.626 million tonnes and the indigenous production of these products is estimated to be about 26.75 million tonnes.