

92 an area of about 4655 ha. of "Boro Paddy" was damaged due to floods. Under flood relief 1212 quintals of seeds of high yielding varieties of paddy was distributed to all the affected farmers of Karimganj district involving Rs. 7.63 lakhs.

Involvement of Private Sector in Mining of Asbestos and Grey Barytes

4574. SHRI SAI PRATHAP ANNAYAGARI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend mining of asbestos and grey barytes to private sector;

(b) the areas/locations where asbestos and barytes are available and the performance of Public Sector units mining in these areas;

(c) the sick public Sector units in the mining of asbestos and barytes and the reasons for their sickness; and

(d) whether the Government are contemplating to invite private sector to take-over or jointly operate these Public Sector units running into losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d). Information is

being collected and will be laid the Table of the House.

Utilisation of Natural Gas In Coastal Andhra Pradesh

4575. SHRI B.B. RAMAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of natural gas available in Coastal Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any agreement has been made for the utilisation of such natural gas by the public and private sectors;

(c) if so, the quantum thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal to reduce the price of gas per metric tonne in order to induce more industries to tap the unutilised gas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (c). Estimated 3.2 million standard cubic meters per day (MMSCMD) from the K.G. basin by 1994-95. Allocations of gas have been made to the following:-

MMSCMD

1. Delta paper Mills	0.028
2. Andhra Sugars, Tanuku	0.016
3. Southern Magnesium	0.006
4. Southern Pesticides	0.006
5. Klayman Porcelian	0.003
