

(d) when the amount of post-matric scholarship to SC/ST and OBC students was last revised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government is considering a proposal to increase the amount of Post Matric Scholarship for SC & ST students. There is however no such scheme for other backward classes run by Ministry of Welfare.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The maintenance allowance rates for SC/ST under the Scheme were last revised with effect from 1.7.1989.

Construction of Barak Dam

686. SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have approved the proposal of Barak Dam to be constructed at Tipaimukh;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof;

(c) the estimated cost thereof; and

(d) the time by which the work on the above dam is likely to be started and completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the scheme was found acceptable by the Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 25.8.95 subject to environmental & forest clearance from the Ministry of Environment & Forests. The scheme

envisages flood benefits in Assam and a power house of installed capacity of 1500 MW.

(c) The scheme is estimated to cost Rs. 2899.00 crores.

(d) Brahmaputra Board is required to obtain environmental & forest clearances & resolve differences between the States of Assam, Manipur & Mizoram on submergence & rehabilitation & resettlement aspects.

Coal Production

687. SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the total production of coal in the country during 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) the details of the production, despatch and stock for the last three years company-wise; and

(c) the details of capacity utilisation position in different coal companies during each of the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The total production of coal in the country during 1993-94 and 1994-95 was as under :-

	(million tonnes)
1993-94	- 246.04
1994-95	- 253.80

(b) Details of the company wise production, despatch and stock for the last three years are as given below :-

(million tonnes)

Company	Production			Despatch			Saleable Stock as on		
	92-93	93-94	94-95	92-93	93-94	94-95	31.3.93	31.3.94	31.3.95
ECL	24.06	22.61	24.85	22.21	22.30	24.16	4.07	2.85	2.29
BCCL	28.06	29.04	28.76	26.72	28.55	28.31	9.06	7.43	4.33
CCL	32.38	33.51	31.29	32.31	32.98	31.24	11.26	11.43	4.64
NCL	30.70	31.41	32.50	30.30	32.37	32.92	2.89	1.91	1.48
WCL	25.75	26.50	27.24	24.98	25.52	27.22	2.90	3.50	3.08
SECL	46.03	47.53	50.00	44.93	46.91	47.67	6.95	7.00	8.70
MCL	23.14	24.30	27.32	22.51	23.99	26.85	4.60	4.82	5.14
NEC	1.10	1.20	1.18	0.86	0.75	0.84	0.36	0.80	1.14
CIL	211.22	216.10	223.14	204.82	213.37	219.21	42.09	39.74	30.80
SCCL	22.51	25.21	25.65	21.71	24.67	25.54	0.93	0.92	1.11
Others	4.53	4.73	5.01	4.50	4.69	5.02	0.27	0.28	0.23
(TISCO, IISCO & DVC)									
GRAND TOTAL	238.26	246.04	253.80	231.03	242.73	249.77	43.29	40.94	32.14

(c) Details of Capacity utilisation in different coal companies during each of the last three years are as under :

Company	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
ECL	67.88	66.42	71.16
BCCL	77.55	76.55	75.37
CCL	99.94	92.55	71.69
NCL	92.44	86.72	88.95
WCL	92.47	95.09	92.89
SECL	103.18	116.81	98.02
MCL	133.09	108.57	81.13
CIL	92.65	91.51	83.17
SCCL	94.00	95.00	95.00

Standard of Doordarshan

688. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

- whether Doordarshan is unable to televise the important programmes like solar eclipse;
- if so, the reasons therefor;
- the steps taken for the improvement of standard of Doordarshan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) No, Sir.

- Does not arise.
- Doordarshan is endeavouring, on a counting basis, to bring about a qualitative improvement in the technical quality of its channels through a phased expansion of its terrestrial network and introduction of the latest state of art equipment, and on the programme side through the introduction of additional channels and new programme formats that cater to the diverse needs of the widest cross section of its viewers.

[Translation]

Setting up of Oil Refineries

689. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR :
SHRI ANNA JOSHI :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

- whether the Government propose to set-up oil projects/refineries in Maharashtra; and
- if so, the progress made so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) and (b) The details of the projects proposed to be set up by various oil sector PSUs are as follows :

- Bombay-Manmad Product Pipeline at a cost of Rs. 398.62 crores being set up by BPCL. The project was approved on 19.4.95.
- 6 MMTPA refinery at a cost of Rs. 4407 crores through a joint venture of HPCL and Oman Oil Company. First stage clearance of Govt. has been accorded.
- BPCL and Shell overseas International are setting up a lubricants blending plant at Taloja at a cost of Rs. 80 crores.
- LPG bottling plants at Manmad, Akola and Buldana with a total capacity of 84 MMTPA to being set up by IOC. Two Projects are under implementation. The plant at Buldana was approved on 28.11.1995.
- New POL Terminal at Uran with 40,000 KL tankage and new TOP at Manmad with 15,000 KL tankage being set up by IOC.
- Black Oil pipeline and associated terminal at New Bombay at a cost of Rs. 44 crores being set up by HPCL.

LPG Connections

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

- whether the Government propose to provide LPG connections during the current year to the consumers who wer registered with LPG distributors during the year 1984-85 and 1986-87; and
- if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) and (b) New LPG connections are released to the waitlisted persons according to the serial order of registration with the distributor concerned depending on new customer enrolment allotted to the distributor, waiting list and industry enrolment plan for the year. Release of connections is not based on the age of registration.

[English]

Privatisation of Irrigation Projects

691. SHRI RAM KAPSE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

- whether the high level Committee set up to examine the feasibility of privatisation of irrigation and multi-purpose projects has submitted its report;