

(b) 24 new rural automatic exchanges have been planned during 1985-86 besides increasing the capacity of the existing telephone system in rural areas of Punjab by 610 additional telephones.

**Setting up of subsidiaries under coal  
India Ltd.**

2208. SHRI SOMNATH RATH :  
SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have approved the proposal to set up two more subsidiaries under the Coal India Limited ;

(b) if so, what would be the name of these two new subsidiaries ;

(c) the different coal bearing areas proposed to be covered under these two companies ; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (d) The Government of India have approved the formation of two new companies as subsidiaries of Coal India Ltd. by splitting the existing Central Coalfields Limited and Western Coalfields Limited from the date on which they are incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956. One company will be called the Northern Coalfields Ltd., with headquarters at Singrauli (M.P.) and will cover the Singrauli Division of the existing Central Coalfields Limited as its area of operation. The other company will be called the South Eastern Coalfields Limited, with headquarters at Bilaspur (M.P.) and its areas of operation will cover the Bilaspur Division including Ib-valley of the existing Western Coalfields Limited and Orissa (Talcher) area under the existing Central Coalfields Limited.

**Absorption of Site Workers in Public Sector  
Construction Companies**

2209. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA :  
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision not to absorb site workers as permanent staff on completion of projects by the public sector construction companies ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :  
(a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

**Deployment of Rigs for Drilling in Tripura**

2210. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of rigs deployed by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission in Tripura for drilling ; and

(b) how many points have been finalised for drilling in Tripura in the next five years and the names of such drilling points ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) At present, 3 rigs are deployed in Tripura for drilling.

(b) Twenty seven independent locations have been identified for drilling in Tripura in the following structures.

Rokhia  
Tichna  
Baramura  
Gojalia  
Tulamura  
Atharmura  
Harargaj  
Batchia  
Agartala Dome

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2211. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:  
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :