

(b) All complaints were duly investigated and based on the findings action was taken to provide compensation/free replacement of underweight cylinders to consumers.

(c) Strict check is maintained at all bottling plants to ensure correct weight before despatch of filled cylinders to distributors. The distributors as per standing instructions are to weigh each and every cylinder before effecting delivery of refills to consumers. However, to prevent pilferage/leakage Oil Industry have started using a seal made of heat-shrink plastic, in some markets.

[English]

#### Opening of new Coal Mines in West Bengal

1298. SHRI BHOLANATA SEN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Coal India Limited has plans to make investment for opening new coal mines in West Bengal during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress in the matter; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). It is proposed to spend about Rs. 700 crores in West Bengal in developing coal mines during the 7th Five year Plan.

#### Extra Departmental Workers Retrenched in Postal Services of Andhra Pradesh

1299. SHRI C. SAMBU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether more than two thousand Extra Departmental workers working in postal services of Andhra Circle have been retrenched;

(b) if so, the actual number of workers (Extra Departmental) retrenched in Andhra Pradesh Circle till date; and

(c) the steps taken to absorb those workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir. Not more than 2000 ED employees have been retired in Andhra Pradesh Circle.

(b) Only 802 ED officials were removed due to abolition of posts consequent upon down gradation of EDSOs into EDBOs.

(c) So far 200 surplus ED officials have been absorbed in other available vacancies. All possible efforts are being taken to absorb the remaining officials in future ED vacancies.

#### Index for Industrial Production

1300. SHRIMATI INDUMATI BHATTACHARYYA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have information about the annual rate of increase/decline in the index for industrial production in different States/Union Territories during the period between 1982-83 to 1984-85; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). C.S.O. does not compile State-wise Index of Industrial Production. However, based on the latest Annual Survey of Industries, a statement showing percentage growth rate in terms of value of output in different States and Union Territories during 1979-80, 1980-81 and 1981-82 is given below.