

PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Revised targets for the terminal year of the Sixth Plan (*i.e.* 1984-85) were at Rs. 500 crores for Bulk Drugs and Rs. 1950 crores for formulations. No targets for imports were fixed.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Government is reviewing the existing drug policy and intend to come up with a new policy.

U. K. Assistance for Wardha Valley Coal-Fields

1318. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has sought assistance from U. K. for the preparation of the master plan for the Wardha Valley coal-fields;

(b) whether there is a proposal to consider broad terms and conditions for co-operation between the two countries by taking up coal mining projects in the third world countries;

(c) whether the issue was taken up during the Indo-U. K. Joint Steering Group meeting held in London in September, 1985;

(d) if so, the major decisions taken; and

(e) the steps being taken to help and assist India for the Wardha Valley coalfields ?

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

(d) and (e). The steps being taken in respect of the proposals mentioned in the Question are as below :

(i) Wardha Valley Coalfields :

U. K. experts will visit India to assist the Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Ltd., a subsidiary of Coal India Limited, in drawing up priority projects in this coal-field for its development.

(ii) Collaboration in the third world countries :

The Government of India have approved a memorandum of agreement between British Mining Consultants Limited, a company associated with the National Coal Board of

U. K., and Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited, a subsidiary of Coal India Limited. This memorandum of agreement would enable them to offer joint consultancy services in the third world countries. It was agreed that each side would make possible opportunities known to the other.

Discovery of Coal in Raigarh District of Madhya Pradesh

1319. SHRI A.J.V.B. MAHESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a survey conducted by the Geological Survey of India has revealed existence of rich deposits of coal in Raigarh district in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, when Government propose to exploit this source; and

(c) the quantity of coal expected from this new find ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (c). Regional exploration by Geological Survey of India the Mand-Raigarh coalfields in Raigarh district of Madhya Pradesh has revealed, estimated coal resources of 2224 million tonnes. There is no programme to exploit these deposits during Seventh Plan period.

United Kingdom's offer to share Technology with India

1320. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether in response to the measures recently announced by Government to liberalise import of technology, material and investments from abroad, Government of United Kingdom have offered to share latest technology to help in future development of India's industrial capabilities;

(b) if so, the response of the United Kingdom thereto;

(c) the response of British companies and private trade thereto; and

(d) the specific sectors in which the latest British technology is proposed to be harnessed ?