

(b) if so, when it would be done ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No
Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

**Increase in price of coal supplied to
steel plants by Bharat Coking
Coal Ltd.**

655. SHRI D.N. REDDY :
SHRI H. M. PATEL :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased
to state :

(a) whether Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.
has decided to increase the prices of its prime
coking coal supplies to steel plants by Rs.
150/-per tonne ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the
new prices at which coal will be supplied to
the steel plants ;

(c) whether any measures are being taken
to streamline the working of the Bharat
Coking Coal Ltd. and reduce its working
losses; and

(d) whether this will have an adverse
effect on the coal consumed by common
man ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI
VASANT SATHE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) However, the price of washed coal
supplied to steel plants by Bharat Coking
Coal Ltd. is settled by negotiation between
the parties from time to time, depending
upon the price of raw coal notified by the
Government, increase in statutory levies
payable to State Governments and escalation
in operating cost due to wage increase and
escalation in cost of stores and other
inputs.

(c) Yes, Sir. A Committee under the
Chairmanship of Shri A.N. Banerjee, retired

Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Central
Mine Planning and Design Institute Ltd. has
been appointed to make an indepth study of
the working of BCCL with a view to identi-
fying the various problems plaguing the
Company and finding cut remedial measures.

(d) No, Sir.

[Translation]

Loss of Electricity in transmission

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOO-
WALIA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be
pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have given any
concrete suggestions to State Governments
to minimise the loss of Electricity in trans-
mission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINI-
STER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) (a) and
(b). Yes, Sir In February, 1986, a set of
guidelines have been issued to the State
Electricity Boards/State Governments for
reduction of the T & D losses. The mea-
sures suggested for bringing down the losses
include :—

(i) Identification of elements in the
distribution systems responsible for
excessive losses and preparation of
schemes for strengthening of sub-
transmission and distribution
systems;

(ii) Improvement of power factor by
installattion of capacitors;

(iii) Setting up of vigilance squads to
conduct surprise inspections;

(iv) Provision of cut-outs after the
meters to prevent direct tapping of
power;

(v) Installation of energy meters inside
temperproof boxes; and

(vi) Comparing monthly meter readings
of industrial consumers with those