

1984-85. In the VII Plan, it is expected to achieve a total irrigation potential of 80.79 million hectares with an outlay of Rs. 16978 crores.

Import of Coking Coal

1491. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of imports of coking coal during the last five years showing quantity and cost with names of countries from where imported ;

(b) whether the demand of steel sector is not being fully met by Coal India Ltd. ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken to improve the working taken to improve the working of Coal India Ltd. to stop imports ; and

(d) the improvement in the position during 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) Information on imports by SAIL is contained in the Statement given below.

(b) Coal India Limited is not in a position to fully meet the coking coal requirements of the steel sector.

(c) Production of coking coal by Coal India Limited has been inadequate to meet the full requirements of the steel industry. In order to augment supplies, Coal India Limited has been taking up new projects of coking coal mines and also expediting the commissioning of washeries.

(d) During the year 1985-86, the gap between demand of coking coal by SAIL and indigenous availability was estimated at about 15 million tonnes. However, due to lower indigenous availability than earlier envisaged, SAIL had to import 2.03 million tonnes of coking coal in 1985-86 to meet its requirements.

Statement

Details of Coking Coal Imported by SAIL

Year	Countries and Quantity in million Tonnes				Total	
	Australia	Canada	U.S.A.	Poland	Quantity imported in million tonnes	C&F Value (approx.) Rs. in crores
1981-82	0.470	0.088	0.089	—	0.647	63.4
1982-83	1.292	0.063	0.026	—	1.381	124.5
1983-84	0.264	—	—	0.199	0.463	37.5
1984-85	0.665	—	—	—	0.665	55.8
1985-86	1.974	—	—	0.060	2.034	161.8

Accidents in Coal Mines

1492. SHRI G. BHOOPATHY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of accidents in coal mines during the year 1984-85 and 1986 till date and the number of deaths and permanently crippled ; and

(b) the steps taken to bring down the rate of accidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI. P.A. SANGMA) : (a) The number of accidents in coal mines during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 (upto June) are given below ;