

The reasons for shortfall are :

(i) HCL - Mining of oxide ore at Malanjhand Copper project.

(ii) HZL-Higher over burden removal, erratic power supply and continued poor ground Conditions in the vicinity of shallow dipping horizontal faults, etc.

(iii) BGML-Renovation of new Golconda shaft; power interruptions and shortage at Yeppamana Mine.

The performance of the mining units is being reviewed at appropriate level in Government and necessary remedial measures are being taken.

The information regarding ore production by captive mines of steel plants of Steel Authority of India (SAIL) is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Expansion of Wellington Island Yard of SAIL

4096. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Wellington Island Yard of Steel Authority of India does not have enough stock of steel items like tor steel to meet the demand in Kerala;

(b) whether Wellington Island yard is so small that there is not enough space for loading and unloading operations and stocking;

(c) whether there is a proposal to stock more quantities of all steel items; and

(d) whether Government propose to shift the present yard to another place with more space and better facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Bulk of the demand of steel items like tor steel is met by the secondary producers. SAIL's production covers only 20% of the demand in these categories. Therefore, the availability in the stockyards of these items can only be limited.

(b) to (d). This stockyard is considered to have inadequate facilities. SAIL have, therefore, selected a suitable alternative site near Tripunithura.

Use of Organic Manure

4097. DR. CHINTA MOHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether chemical fertilizers are not proving successful with farmers, who prefer organic manuring specially beyond certain limits, especially in arid zones; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) It is not a fact that chemical fertilizers are not proving successful with farmers. In fact, farmers are convinced about the beneficial effects of chemical fertilizers in increasing their crop yields. This is borne by the steady increase in fertilizer consumption in the country. However, conjunctive use of chemical fertilizers with organic manures so improves the soil physical properties besides increasing the crop yield.

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

TV Transmission Centre at Jorhat in Assam

4098. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the installation work of the low power T.V. transmission centre at Jorhat in Assam is progressing according to schedule;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be commissioned; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE, IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) :
(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). T. V. Expansion Plan for the North-Eastern Region (approved in March, 1984) includes a scheme for replacement of the existing low power (100 Watt) T. V. transmitter at Shillong by a high power (1 Kilowatt) transmitter. The approved arrangement was to shift the low power (100 Watt) T. V. transmitter from Shillong to Jorhat after commissioning the high power transmitter at Shillong. Installation of the high power transmitter at Shillong has been delayed due to delay in the availability of a suitable site. This has in turn delayed the installation of the low power transmitter at Jorhat. Action has, however, been initiated to commission the transmitter at Jorhat during 1987-88.

Installation of Television Relay Transmitters in Himachal Pradesh

4099. SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that television programmes telecast from Himachal Pradesh Doordarshan, Shimla do not reach the remote border areas of Himachal Pradesh like Lahaul, Spiti and Kinnaur districts;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up transmitters in these border areas; and

(c) if so, the time by which the transmitters are likely to be installed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) :
(a) The existing high power (10 Kilowatt) T. V. transmitter at Kasauli and low power (100 Watt) transmitters at Shimla and Kulu are not expected to provide service to Lahaul, Spiti and Kinnaur districts as these areas are outside the service range of these transmitters.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The VII Plan of Doordarshan provides, inter alia, for establishment of low power (2×10 Watt) T. V. transmitters, one each at Kyelong and Kalpa. Installation of these transmitters will depend on the annual allocation of Plan funds, time needed by indigenous manufacturers to supply the required equipment and overall priorities.

Construction of Building for Press in West Bengal

4100. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the construction of the building for accommodating the press at Santragachi in West Bengal is expected to commence and time by which it is proposed to be completed; and

(b) the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SARI DALAIR SINGH) : (a) and (b). As the Government has decided to close Govt. of India Press (Forms Unit), Santragachi, the proposal to construct its new building has been shelved.

Setting up of Air Stations in Orissa

4101. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of 20 K. W. radio stations proposed to be set up in Orissa;

(b) the places identified for their location;

(c) whether the establishment of some 1 K. W. radio stations has also been sanctioned for Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) :
(a) There is no proposal in AIR's 7th Plan, to set up new stations with 20 K.W M.W. transmitter in Orissa.