

Nadu Films Division have purchased 2,452 rolls of film from Hindustan photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd., for Rs. 26.5 lakhs.

(c) The Tamil Nadu Films Division purchases the raw films for production of documentaries etc. and not for sale to third parties.

(d) Yes. Sir.

Production of Coal

7312. DR. T. KALPANA DEVI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the production of coal has increased in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1986-87;

(b) if so, the extent thereof;

(c) whether it is sufficient to cater to the needs of fertilizer plants thermal power stations and various private industries in the State ;

(d) if not, the gap between the demand and supply in the State; and

(e) the steps taken to meet the demand ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b). Coal production in Singareni Collieries Company Limited during 1986-87 has been 16.58 million tonnes (Provisional) as against the production of 15.7 million tonnes during 1985-86 thus showing an increase of 5.6 per cent over the previous year. Coal production in the company was however, less than its target of 18 million tonnes by 7.9 per cent.

(c) to (e). Singareni Collieries Company Limited besides meeting the coal requirements of Andhra Pradesh, has to meet the coal demand of Southern Region as it is the rational source of coal supply to this region. Due to production constraints, SCCL is not able to meet the full coal demand of Southern Region. The actual supply of coal from SCCL during 1986-87 was 16.60 million tonnes (Provisional) as against the demand

of 18.00 million tonnes assessed on SCCL. To meet the demand on SCCL, a number of new projects are planned to increase the coal production. Coal is also being supplied from subsidiaries of coal India Limited to the Southern consumers.

Co-operation of private sector in development of telecommunication

7313. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a workshop on "Future of Telecommunications User needs and Business opportunities" was held under the auspices of FICCI in New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the outcome of the workshop, the recommendations made and reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) how the private sector will be encouraged in the development of telecommunications ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The main recommendation was to utilise the potential of the private sector in the manufacture of switching and transmission equipment where the public sector cannot singly meet the demand.

The Private Sector have already been encouraged by allowing them to manufacture terminal equipment like Telephone Instruments, Teleprinters, Keyphones, Video display units, Sensors and Telemetering equipment etc. as per the specification laid down by the Department of Telecommunications.

Bombay suburban electric supply Limited

7314. DR. V. VENKATESH :
SHRI M. V. CHANDRA-
SEKHARA MURTHY :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :