

Name of the Project.	Targeted production capacity (in million tonnes/annum)	Expenditure (Provisional) incurred upto Sept., 1987 (Rs. in crores)
Moonidih underground Mine	2.10	140.12
Pootkee - Bulliary underground Mine.	300	50.00
Bhalgora underground Mine.	1.20	17.94
Block-II Open Cast Project	2.50	95.47
Damodar Open Cast Project	1.00	27.52

In addition to above, Madhuband and Pootkee washeries are being set up at an estimated cost of Rs. 71.90 crores and Rs. 92.17 crores respectively and Patherdih washery is being modernised at an estimated cost of Rs. 27.27 crores.

Survey of Minerals in West Bengal

period of operation are:

4106. SHRI AMAL DATTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey for mineral deposits has been conducted in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the area covered so far, and the minerals for which survey has been made and the period when it was made; and

(c) the result of survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Intensive and extensive surveys to locate mineral deposits have been carried out in West Bengal. The major minerals for which surveys have been made by the Geological Survey of India with location and

1. Lead-Zinc in Gorubathan area (1972-84), Darjeeling district.
2. Copper in Tamakhun area (1970-74), Purulia district.
3. Apatite in Beldim-Kuthi-Chirugora area, Purulia district.
4. Limestone in Jhaldah area (1958-59) and 1973-80, Purulia distt.
5. Dolomite in Jainti area, Jalpaiguri district (1965-67, 1977-80).
6. Tungsten in Chhendapathar and Porapahar area (1964-67, 1977-79), Bankura district.
7. Clay in Birbhum, Bankura, Burdwan, Midnapur and Purulia districts (1960-69).

Survey, exploration and exploitation of coal, which forms the major resource is continuing since pre-independence days. Major areas are Raniganj Coalfield in Burdwan district, Birbhum Coal-field, Darjeeling Coalfield, Barjora Coalfield etc. Coal exploration is in progress in parts of Raniganj Coalfield and Birbhum Coalfield.

(c) The reserves/resources estimated so far are 3.25 Million tonnes of Lead zinc ore, 0.11 Million tonnes of Copper Ore, 23.35 Million tonnes of Limestone, 252.47 Million tonnes of Dolomite, 0.38 Million tonnes of Tungsten ore and 28154.16 Million tonnes of Coal reserves of different category.

Transport Business Set-up by International Agencies

4107. SHRI MANIK REDDY:
SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH
MALIK:
SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of International agencies including Awis and Haters have set up their transport business in the country by giving their cars on hire basis to big companies situated in 15 big cities in India;

(b) if so, the number and names of International agencies which have set up this business;

(c) whether these companies have been planning to expand their business in 25 more big cities in India; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) Three Indian Companies have entered into collaboration arrangements with three foreign-Rent-a-Car companies namely M/s. Hertz International Limited, USA, Budget Rent-A-Car Inc. USA and M/s. Europcar International, France.

The Rent-A-Car Scheme is yet to become operative in the country as the existing Motor Vehicle Act does not provide for the same.

Reservation Quota for New Delhi from Stations in Malabar Region

4108. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reservation quota for New Delhi from stations in Malabar region, especially at Tirur Station (Palghat Division) has been reduced consequent upon the introduction of daily service; and

(b) if so, whether the reservation quota is proposed to be increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Freight Operation Information System

4109. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the total cost expected to be involved in the implementation of freight operations information system on Railways?