

necessary instructions to the concerned authorities.

Import of coking coal

885. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for the gradual increase in import of coking coal, vital raw material for steel industry; and

(b) what is the price of imported coal at the site of Indian steel plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR) : (a) The main reasons for increase in imports of coking coal are :

- (i) The need to increase the production of hot metal;
- (ii) Higher ash content and lower coking properties of indigenous coking coal;
- (iii) The technological requirements of achieving an optimum coal blend and improvement in productivity indices; and
- (iv) Need to reduce the coke rate and to decrease the energy consumption per unit of production.

(b) The average landed price of imported coal at the SAIL Plants during the period April to August, 1987 was around Rs. 1100 per tonne.

Import of fabricated bogies

886. SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways have decided to import 100 more fabricated bogies for electric locomotives in view of the acute shortage being faced by Railway production units; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). A Global Tender for import of 100 Nos. of fabricated bogies for electric locomotives with technology transfer has been floated. The tender is due for opening on 18.12.87.

This is primarily with a view to upgrade the capabilities of electric locomotives being manufactured at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works.

Opening of New Kendriya Vidyalayas

887. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 262 on 13 August, 1987 regarding shortage of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Outer Delhi and State :

(a) whether the decision to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas in 1987-88 has been taken;

(b) if so, the names of the places State-wise at which the new Kendriya Vidyalayas have been sanctioned and opened; and

(c) the Kendriya Vidyalayas sanctioned but not opened ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving the names of the places (State-wise) at which, Kendriya Vidyalayas have been sanctioned during 1987-88 is given below. Out of these, Kendriya Vidyalayas at Lakhi Sarai (Bihar), Jayant Colliery, Distt. Sidhi (Madhya Pradesh), SGPGI, Lucknow, ITI Mankapur, Distt. Gonda (UP), ITI, Rai Bareilly, Dibyapur, Distt. Etawah (U.P.), No. II Salt Lake, Calcutta and the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow have already been opened. In respect of the remaining places,