

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Production of fuel efficient vehicles is being encouraged through upgradation of technology, fiscal incentives and fuel efficiency norms.

Coal reserves in Rajmahal area Bihar

5135. SHRIMATI MADHUREE SINGH : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether huge coal reserve has been found in Rajmahal area of Bihar ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken for expediting the mining of coal in that area ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) As per regional exploration carried out by Geological Survey of India, as on 1.1.88, the Rajmahal Coalfield has a Coal reserve of 9073.37 million tonnes.

(b) Rajmahal Open cast Project with the capacity of 5 million tonnes per year has been sanctioned by Government in May, 1985 and this project will attain its optimum production capacity by March, 1991. A project report for Rajmahal OCP (expansion)-capacity 10.5 million tonnes per year has also been formulated.

Improvement of Embarkment Facilities at Rihand and Singrauli Projects

5136. SHRIMATI SHANTI DEVI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the embarkment/disembarkment points at Rihand Project and Singrauli Project under the National Thermal Power Corporation on Rihand reservoir are katcha and primitive and a large number of persons and school children going from Rihandnagar to Shaktinagar use these embarkment/disembarkment points daily for crossing the reservoir by motor boat ;

(b) whether these points are dangerous, especially during rains ; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to improve the embarkment/disembarkment facilities and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) to (c). According to information available, the embarkation/disembarkation points at both ends are suitably located on firm land. At the Shaktinagar end, a properly paved approach is available on the intake channel. At the Rihand end, the point of operation changes with the fluctuating reservoir level and a moveable jetty is utilised which can be pulled/extended from point to point, in accordance with the rise and fall of the Rihand reservoir level ; this facility is inspected by officials of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) on day-to-day basis and the movement of the boat is monitored using hand wireless sets. The Rihand project intake channel is expected to be ready for operation by July, 1988, which will make the boat embarkation/disembarkation point permanent.

Self Employed Scheme for educated unemployed youth

5137. SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an evaluation of the self-employment scheme for educated unemployed youth has found serious shortfalls ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government have analysed the causes of shortfalls in the scheme keeping in view the experiences gained since its inception ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take for the effective improvement of the scheme ?