

(b) The information is furnished in the Statement given below.

**STATEMENT**

*Villages in South Arcot, North Arcot, Salem, Tanjore, Ramanathapuram and Coimbatore districts where post offices are proposed to be opened in 1989*

<i>District</i>	<i>Village</i>	
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	
South Arcot	Karat	
	Palliandur	
	Adavollikuthan	
	Brahmadasam	
	Kanisapakkam	
	Thattampalayam	
	Alagapuramilakuppam	
	Vadapalli	
	Kattalar	
	North Arcot	Pallavalli
		Chinnathattalam
		Athipadi
		Pudurchakkadi
Palayam		
Pandiyur		
Aranagalaugam		
Thumberi		

<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
	Thottithuraimuttur
	Pariyagaram
	Mandarparai
	Chikkanakuppam
	Kavanur
Salem	Marangam
	Vattakkadu
Coimbatore	Zamin Kottampatti
	Jothampatti
Tanjore	Nil
Ramanathapuram	Nil

**Strike by BCCL Officers**

839. SHRI VJAY KUMAR MISHRA:  
Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the officers of the Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) were on a week long strike recently;

(b) the loss of coal production due to the strike; and

(c) the action taken against the officers for the illegal strikes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Some officers of BCCL abstained from duty from 26.8.88 to 2.9.88.

(b) The loss of coal production due to

the same was 1.11 lakh tonnes.

(c) Absenting officers were not paid for the period they remained absent from their work on the basis of the principle of 'no work, no pay'.

#### **Drilling by ONGC in Jammu**

840. SHRI JANAK RAJ GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission had undertaken drilling of wells for exploring the possibilities of oil and gas reserves in Jammu area; and

(b) if so, the details and the results achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Drilling at Surinsar in Jammu was initially started in March, 1970 and Well Surinsar-1 was projected to 6000 metres, but had to be abandoned at the depth of 3665 metres due to technical complications. Drilling at Surinsar-2 Well, which was projected to 7000 metres commenced on 18.5.1987. This super deep well has already been drilled down to 5371 metres.

The results will be known after completion of drilling and testing thereafter.

[*Translation*]

#### **British Cooperation in Oil and Gas Exploration**

841. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 40 member delegation headed by British State Minister of Energy visited Delhi in January, 1989;

(b) if so, the talks held and agreement signed with this delegation for increasing the cooperation in the fields of oil, gas and petrochemicals between India and Britain; and

(c) the time by which the agreement is proposed to be implemented and the expenditure likely to be incurred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) and (b). A British Delegation headed by Mr. Peter Morrison, the British Minister of State for Energy and representatives of major British Companies serving the oil and gas industries visited India in January, 1989. On this occasion the British Energy Industries Council and the Indian Confederation of Engineering Industry sponsored two seminars on oil, gas and petrochemicals. Talks were held between the Indian and British Industries and British Minister also called on the Minister of Industry and Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas. The visit of the British Delegation provided an opportunity for exchange of ideas in the fields of oil, gas and petrochemicals. No agreement was signed with the visiting delegation.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

#### **Drilling Operations at Venudurru in KG Basin**

842. SHRIMATI N.P. JHANSI LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) has conducted drilling operations at Venudurru in Krishna-Godav-