

- (i) effort is to be made to integrate women in all development programmes relating to agriculture, rural development, employment, industry etc.
- (ii) supportive services for working women like women's hostels, creches and short-stay homes are to be expended ;
- (iii) the machinery for implementation of the Equal Remuneration Act is to be strengthened.

[*Translation*]

Coal Supply to Power Stations

1592. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it was decided recently that stock of coal adequate for one month's consumption should always be kept in the power stations ;

(b) if so, the manner in which the Railway Department and Coal Department will extend their cooperation as assured by them and the time by which its implementation will be started ; and

(c) whether earlier to this also there was a provision for keeping one month's stock in the power stations and if so, when that decision was taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (c) Generally, power stations situated far-off from collieries should maintain a coal stock for about one month's consumption. It has been decided recently that well coordinated measures should be taken so that coal stocks equivalent to one month's requirement can be built up at the power stations. Accordingly, an assessment has been made in terms of the unloading and stocking capacities of the thermal stations and their generation programmes, the requirement of wagons which will be moved by the Railways, and the quantity of coal which will be supplied by the collieries. As a result, the total coal stock in the thermal

stations in the country has increased from about 26.7 lakh tonnes in the first week of June, 1985, to about 32.2 lakh tonnes in the last week of July, 1985.

[*English*]

Workers in Loco Shed at Kharagpur

1593. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of workers working in the loco shed at Kharagpur for handling of coal and picking of cinders ;

(b) since when these workers are working ;

(c) how many of them belong to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and how many of them are women ;

(d) with the gradual elimination of steam locos in Kharagpur shed, whether Government propose to absorb these workers in railways at least as Class IV staff ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The number of workers engaged in this work is 166.

(b) From March, 1979 onwards.

(c) 17 workers belong to Scheduled Castes ; 84 workers belong to Scheduled Tribes and 78 out of the total number are women.

(d) This work is being done through Contractor's labour. There is no proposal to absorb these workers in Railways.

[*Translation*]

Non-Formal Education Centre in Uttar Pradesh

1594. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Non-formal education centres in Uttar Pradesh and the amount spent thereon during the Sixth Five Year Plan ;