

101.04 million tonnes, in 1977-78 it was 101 million tonnes and 1978-79 it is expected to be about 102 million tonnes.

(b) There is no chaos in the collieries. With the recovery of the drowned mines, the production of coal has already picked up. There is a pit head stock of 12.9 million tonnes as on 1st March, 1979. This together with the current level of production, is adequate to meet the demand of all the consumers.

Supply of Raw Material to Re-rolling Mills in Mandi, Gobindgarh and Jullundur

3075. SHRI IQBAL SINGH DHILLON: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the supply of re-rolling materials by Steel Authority of India Ltd. to re-rolling mills attached to Mandi, Gobindgarh and Jullundur Stockyards are 26 per cent and 4 per cent respectively of their combined capacity;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in affirmative then the reasons for disparity in despatches to these Stockyards and the steps which are taken to restore parity; and

(c) how many rolling mills with their combined capacity are attached to these Stockyards and also the despatches made to these Stockyards in the last six months to date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Interest on security money deposited with cooking gas agencies in Delhi

3076. SHRI S. R. REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMI-

CALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any interest is paid to the consumers on their deposits for obtaining gas cylinders held by various cooking gas agents in Delhi;

(b) what are the details regarding the total amount so far made by the consumers for obtaining gas cylinders held by various cooking gas agents in Delhi on 31st March, 1979; and

(c) what is the rate of interest, who is final authority to fix the rate and in what manner the amount so deposited is utilized?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Information is being collected.

(c) No interest is paid to Gas consumers. Deposits are utilized for procurement of cylinders required for efficient service. Rates of deposit are fixed by the oil companies with the approval of Government.

Visit of Norwegian Oil Minister in India

3077. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Norwegian Oil Minister visited India in the last week of January, 1979, and had discussions; and

(b) if so, the nature of discussions held with the visiting Minister and results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Possibilities of co-operation in the field of offshore production tech-