

News item captioned "C.I.L. claim not true"

267. SHRI M. V. CHANDRA-SHEKHARA MURTHY:

SHRI P. M. SAYEED:

SHRI A. R. BADRI NARAYAN:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government have been drawn to the Financial Express dated the 30th April, 1979 under the heading "CIL claims not true";

(b) if so, whether the Railways have stated that Coal India Limited advertised claims that the stocks at pitheads have been increasing and the allegation that there have not been enough wagons to load the coal are not borne out by facts;

(c) if so, whether the Railway Ministry has admitted that they could not meet the full wagons requirements;

(d) if so, how many wagons had been demanded by the Coal India Limited upto April, 1979 and also upto July, 1979;

(e) how many wagons were made available by the Railways during the above period; and

(f) what was the shortage and how shortage affected the Coal India Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI / JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such intimation has been received. The coal stocks have been increasing between November, 1978 to March, 1979.

(c) The Railways have stated that there was difficulty in meeting the requirements of wagons in some of the coalfields particularly Bengal Bihar on account of the floods of last monsoon

and law and order problems and staff agitations.

(d) and (c). The daily average number of wagons offered for coal loading and the number of wagons loaded during 1978-79 and April, May and June, 1979 are as follows:—

	Wagons demanded	Wagons loaded
1978-79	10273	7555
1979-80		
April, 79	10948	7144
May, 79	10602	6778
June, 79	10714	6840

The wagons made available or loading are more or less of the same order as those loaded.

(f) The shortage during 1978-79 has been of the order of 700 wagons per day compared to the previous years and over 1000 wagons per day as compared to the actual requirements. Part of this shortage was made good by road movement but the pithead stocks with Coal India Ltd. went up from 857 million tonnes in October, 1979 to 13.54 million tonnes in March, 1979. During April and, May, 1978, 4.37 million tonnes of coal were moved by road compared to 3.25 million tonnes during April-May 1978.

**Import of crude and Petroleum Products**

268. SHRI P. M. SYEED:

SHRI NIHAR LASKAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India will have to import 14.8 million tonnes of crude oil and 4.1 million tonnes of petroleum products this year to meet the rising demands for petroleum products;