

menced. The cooling water requirements of this stage of the project will be met from the existing facilities at Dhari Barrage. Similarly, installation of 420 MW capacity Thermal Power Station at Korba West Bank by Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board has been sanctioned on the basis of availability of water without the Bango dam. Further augmentation of capacity of power generation at these sites to 2,100 MW and 1000/1200 MW respectively would require supplementary storage which will be provided by the proposed Bango Dam.

पत्रकारों के लिए रेल यात्रा की सुविधाएं

96. श्री राम लाल राही : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पिछली कांग्रेस सरकार ने पत्रकारों और अन्य जीवी पत्रकारों को रेल यात्रा की सुविधा देने का निर्णय किया है या ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का विचार यह सुनिश्चित करने का है कि उन्हें यह सुविधायें मिलें ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में तथ्यात्मक सूचना क्या है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण तथा पूति और पुनर्वास मंत्री (श्री बलराम साठे) : (क) से (ग). रेलवे बोर्ड ने भारत सरकार के मुख्यालय में प्रत्यायित प्रेस संवाददाताओं को पत्र सूचना कार्यालय का प्रमाण-पत्र देने पर प्रथम श्रेणी में 15% की रियायत और द्वितीय श्रेणी में 50% की रियायत पर, 1-9-1950 से रेल यात्रा कूपन जारी करने की पद्धति चालू की थी। यह रियायत समाचारों के कवर करने से सम्बन्धित काम के बारे में भारतीय रेलों में की जाने वाली यात्राओं के लिए है।

प्रत्यायित संवाददाता/कैमरामैन इस सुविधा का प्रब भी लाभ उठा रहे हैं।

Introduction of Coloured T.V.

97 SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

SHRI SHIV KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION and BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to introduce colour T.V. in the country;

(b) whether the details of the project have been worked out if so, the particulars thereof;

(c) whether a coloured T.V. will be well within the reach of a common man and whether the present manufacturers would be able to cope up with the technology involved in the process; and

(d) the places where it is going to start first?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (d). No decision has been taken to introduce colour TV in the country nor has any project been prepared for this purpose. However, keeping in view the fact that colour TV technology has replaced black and white technology in most parts of the world, it is proposed to examine the potentialities, keeping in view the costs, manufacturing capabilities and the technological requirements of both transmission and reception. The question of selection of places for introducing colour TV at this stage does not, therefore, arise.

Production of Coal

98. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last two years the trend of production of coal is not appreciable;

(b) whether in regard to coking coal the position is particularly bad and during January, 1980 the washeries have produced 90,000 tonnes less; and

(c) if so, the factors responsible for this and the various steps Government propose to take to augment production of coal in the country which in effect is aggravating the production of energy within the country?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY, IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. AGHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) Yes, Sir. The production of coal during the years 1977-78 and 1978-79 was 101.00 and 101.94 million tonnes.

(b) The production of coking coal during the year 1979-80 (April 1979-January 1980) was 18.08 million tonnes as against 17.57 million tonnes during the corresponding period of 1978-79. The production of washed coking coal in January 1980 was 34,000 tonnes less compared to the production in January 1979 and about 19,000 tonnes less compared to December, 1979.

(c) The washed coking coal production was adversely affected during 1979-80 by frequent power failure. The production of coking coal was also affected by inadequate supply of power to the collieries, shortage of explosives, diesel oil etc. besides the deteriorating law and order situation in Bihar-Bengal coalfields.

The following steps are under implementation to step up production and supply of coal to the consumers:

(i) Power supply to coal companies in the Eastern region is being improved through better generation by Damodar Valley Corporation.

(ii) Coal companies have been given priority in allocation of diesel oil.

(iii) Import of explosive has been resorted to make good the shortfall in indigenous availability.

(iv) The State Governments have been requested to strengthen the law and order machinery in areas where production has been affected by frequent disruptions in the law and order. A close watch is being kept on the situation.

Single Media to Cater to Foreign News Agencies

99. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Government propose to have one single media to cater to foreign news agencies so that the country's image is presented properly rather than filtered or slanted by many?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration.

Revision of Electoral Rolls in Assam

100. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revised the electoral rolls for the elections to the Lok Sabha and the Assembly for the State of Assam; and

(b) if so, the number of those non-Assamees nationals whose names have been included in these electoral rolls?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The Election Commission had ordered in the year 1979 before the last general elections to the Lok Sabha an intensive revision of the electoral rolls with reference to 1st January, 1979 as the qualifying date in the State of Assam. The final publication of the rolls in the State was made on 2nd December, 1979.

(b) The information asked for in this part of the question is not available.