

the Press Commission have been called for from concerned press organisations/associations. Modifications would be made after considering these suggestions.

(c) A statement containing the names of Chairman and Members of the Press Commission, who have resigned is attached. New members have not yet been appointed.

Statement

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| 1. Justice P. K. Goswami | Chairman |
| 2. Shri Abu Abraham | Member |
| 3. Shri Prem Bhatia | Member |
| 4. Shri S. N. Dwivedy | Member |
| 5. Shri Moineudin Harris | Member |
| 6. Shri Ravi Mathai | Member |
| 7. Shri Yashodar N. Mehta | Member |
| 8. Shri V. K. Narasimhan | Member |
| 9. Shri F. S. Nariman | Member |
| 10. *Shri Nikhil
Chakravartty | Member |
| 11. Shri S. H. Vatsyayan | Member |

*Shri Nikhil Chakravartty was appointed as Member of the Press Commission on 23rd November, 1978 on the resignation of Shri Arun Shourie.

Ghatal Master Plan for prevention of Floods in Midnapur, Howrah and Hooghly Districts of West Bengal

107. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received from the Government of West Bengal a scheme called Ghatal Master Plan for prevention of recurring floods in a vast area of Midnapur, Howrah and Hooghly Districts of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Government for clearing the scheme and when is it expected to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A.

B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) and (b). The State Government has sent the scheme to the Ganga Flood Control Commission which is scrutinising it. It is expected that the scheme would be sent to the Technical Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission for clearance in March, 1980

Allocation of Power produced by D.V.C.

108. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the basis of allocation of power produced by DVC (Damodar Valley Corporation) amongst its various consumers, what priority is given for supply of power to (CESC) Calcutta Electric Supply Company and the basis of such priority and how the same compares with the other consumers particularly TISCO;

(b) the contractual obligation of the DVC for supply of power to CESC and is the contractual amount incorporated in the agreement conditioned by the quantum of power produced by DVC; and

(c) the average amount of power supply by the DVC during morning and evening peak period to the CESC during last one year and how the same compares with the contractual obligation and how this condition compares with other consumers of DVC, particularly TISCO Plant at Jamshedpur?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) The basis of allocation of power produced by the DVC amongst its various consumers has been decided after consultation with the State Electricity Boards, Planning Commission and Ministry of Home Affairs. According to the graded

priorities fixed, the order of distribution is as follows:—

1. Railway traction
2. Colliery Loads
3. Steel Loads
4. Mixed and others.

At a generation level of 800 MW and above, full contractual demand of all the loads can be met. The graded restrictions are applicable only when DVC generates less than 800 MW. The CESC is included in the category of mixed and other loads. TISCO is included in the Steel Load.

(b) The contractual obligation of the DVC with the CESC is 105 MVA. The force Majeure Clause in the agreement between CESC and the DVC provides that reduction of power supply can be made to the consumers as and when the generation is low.

(c) The monthly average amount of power supplied by DVC to the CESC and the TISCO from January, 1979 to January, 1980 is as follows:—

	CESC (Con- tractual load 105 MVA)	TISCO (Con- tractual load 100 MVA)
Jan. 1979	70.10	70.13
Feb., 1979	60.60	72.06
March, 1979	58.92	69.18
April, 1979	75.57	55.84
May, 1979	69.70	59.06
June, 1979	43.90	52.02
July, 1979	49.32	55.06
August, 1979	50.90	59.11
Sept. 1979	40.98	46.67
Oct., 1979	39.82	49.38
Nov., 1979	31.51	36.30
Dec., 1979	37.38	34.50
Jan., 1980	38.87	40.32

Coal Production and its Demand

109. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total coal production during 1978-79 as against the demand and the anticipated coal production at the end of the year 1979-80 (stating the gap between demand and production); and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to boost production from the present level of production and to reorient the production targets during 1980-81 to meet the rising demand?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY, IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI):

(a) The total coal production during 1978-79 was 101.94 million tonnes as against the projected demand of 109.22 million tonnes. The anticipated coal production at the end of the year 1979-80 would be 104.30 million tonnes against the original projected demand of 116.6 million tonnes.

(b) To meet the rising demand of coal, a target of coal production of 113.50 million tonnes has been fixed for the year 1980-81. To achieve this target, the following steps are being taken:—

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

(ii) Steps are being taken to increase the supply of diesel to the coal companies.

(iii) Explosives are being imported to make up the shortfall in indigenous availability.

(iv) A large number of schemes to reconstruct existing and construct new mines are in progress. In addition 18 schemes have been approved