

night of May, 1980. This happened because of transportation constraints but immediate corrective action was taken and supplies arranged for this area. Currently there is no shortage of either petrol or diesel in the valley.

(b) No such statistics are available.

(c) and (d). No specific demand for petrol for the Jammu and Kashmir State was made by the State Govern-

ment. Moreover, in the case of petrol, no State-wise allocations are made. In respect of high speed diesel oil, however the State Government had desired an enhancement of the monthly allocation by about 10000 kilo-litres. Supplies of HSD and petrol to Jammu and Kashmir were maximised within the available transportation capacity and the supplies in May 1980 were considerably higher than May 1979 as can be seen from the following figures of supplies to retail trade:—

(Figures in kilo-litre:)

Product	Supplies in May 1980	Actual supplies in May, 1979	Percentage growth in sales in May, 1980 over the sales in May, 1979
High Speed Diesel	6747	5392	25%
Petrol	1588	1451	9%

Effect of decline Coal production in Bihar and other States on Power Generation

303. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KO-CHAK: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported that production of coal from mines in Bihar and other States and also production of washed coal from washeries has gone down;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for the same;

(c) to what extent power shortage had hit the coal production; and

(d) what are the measures Government propose to undertake to improve the position.

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) Coal production from the mines in Bihar and other States has not gone down in the current year as compared to last year. The washed coal production is also higher in the current year compared to last year.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The estimated loss in coal production due to inadequate availability of power in the mines of Coal India in 1979-80 has been estimated at 6.93 million tonnes and in April '80, 0.77 million tonnes. Similarly washed Coal production lost in 1979-80 due to inadequate power has been estimated at 1.12 million tonnes and 86,000 tonnes in April 80.

(d) Steps taken to improve the power situation include improved generation by Damodar Valley Corporation, higher priority in allocation of power to coal-mines, proposal for installation of captive generation units in the mines, and improving the system of power distribution in the coalfields.

Things to DVC drifting from bad to worse

304. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KO-CHAK: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had visited Chandrapura, Bokaro and Durgapur

Power Stations on 4th and 5th April, 1980 and had found things in the DVC drifting from bad to worse;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that situation further deteriorated after his visit;

(c) whether it is also a fact that position in Durgapur was worst and one of its units went out of order and generation came down to as low as 40 MW; and

(d) the reasons for the same and steps being taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) and (b). The Minister for Energy and Irrigation visited the thermal power stations of the DVC on 4th and 5th April, 1980. The generation at these stations on the above days; as against the average for the month of March 1980 is as given below:—

	In MKWH			
	4-1-80	5-1-80	March 1980 (Total)	March 1980 Average per day
DTPS	2*18	2*28	91*00	2*99
CTPS	5*9	4*31	172*00	5*55
BTSF	1*22	1*10	77*00	2*46
	9*9	8*08	340*00	

From the above figures it will be seen that there has not been any deterioration, but on the contrary there has been improvement, as a result of the Minister's visit.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Special efforts are made to bring back in operation at the earliest, units that are on outage. The services of British experts are being utilised with a view to identifying the problems in depth and evolving suitable remedies. The State Government has been requested to take measures for improving the law and order situation so that personnel with the power stations can work in a more congenial atmosphere.

Floating Families in Dandakaranya Development Authority

305. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there were about 1000

floating families in Dandakaranya who were not receiving any assistance from the Dandakaranya Development Authority; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These are non-camp families and are not entitled to any rehabilitation assistance.

Drilling Operation in Jawalamukhi, Himachal Pradesh

306. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has decided to resume the drilling operations in the