

Survey of Command Area Development

7774. SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Command area development survey is to be taken up this year; and

(b) if so, the areas to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHR KEDAR PANDAY): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Two types of surveys, namely: Soil survey and topographical survey, are undertaken in the command area development projects. Upto March, 1980 soil and topographical surveys had been carried out in an area of about 6 million Ha. and 2.1 million Ha. respectively. Programme for the year 1980-81 is aimed at carrying out soil survey in an area of 0.9 million Ha. and topographical survey in an area of about 1.0 million Ha.

Issue of Licences for Coal Depots in Delhi

7775. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI:
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been the practice to issue licences by Delhi Administration for coal depots in Delhi during the last three years on the recommendations of the Metropolitan Councillor of the area; and

(b) if so, the number of licences for coal depots issued to the dependents and relations of the Metropolitan Councillors during the last three years; area-wise and full details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) The coal depot licences are not sanctioned only on the recommendations of Metropolitan

tan Councillors though their views are given due consideration.

(b) Delhi Administration does not have any knowledge whether any of the person to whom coal depot licence has been given is related to the Metropolitan Councillors or not;

Guidelines for the grant of Licence for Coal Depots in Delhi

7776. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4186 on 15th July, 1980 regarding opening of coal depots and state:

(a) what are the guidelines for the grant of licence for coal depots in the Union Territory of Delhi; and

(b) the considerations on which the case of the particular candidate was recommended by the Chairman, Advisory Committee, Metropolitan Council and the cases of other Scheduled Caste applicants were rejected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Magic Gas to replace Petroleum

7777. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report in the Tribune dated July 13, 1980 to the effect that a Surgeon-specialist

in Kidney transplant at PGI Chandigarh has in the course of his research for finding a gas capable of preserving the kidney to be transplanted alive for more than the usual period of about 15 minutes before actual Transplantation discovered a magic gas capable of replacing petroleum and running a scooter at a cost of only Rs. 1.25 for 600 kilometres as