

(b) to (d). After nationalisation many of the small taken-over mines were re-grouped based on geographical, economic and administrative convenience. Some of the units were closed mainly due to inadequate reserves, seasonal nature of the mines, poor quality of coal, in the mines, poor quality of coal, in-infra-structure like roads, Railway transport facilities, etc.

Geological Survey of India and Mineral Exploration Corporation have taken up detailed drilling and exploration of Hurra basin in Rajmahal coalfield. Government have already sanctioned a major opencast project at Rajmahal for a production of 5 million tonnes per annum at an investment of Rs. 87.43 crores which will create additional employment potential. More projects will be sanctioned as and when additional mineable coal reserves are proved by drilling and exploration.

दामोदर घाटी निगम के मंत्रोन बांध के दो इंजीनियरों द्वारा त्यागपत्र

7793. श्री शिबू सारन: क्या उर्जा और कयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करंगे कि:

(क) क्या दामोदर घाटी निगम के मंत्रोन बांध पर कार्यरत दो इंजीनियरों ने गत छः माह के दौरान त्यागपत्र दे दिया है और इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ख) उनके द्वारा आरंभ किये गये ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण के कार्यक्रम को आगे बढ़ाने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं?

उर्जा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री विक्रम महाजन): (क) पिछले छः महीनों के दौरान मंत्रोन पर केवल एक इंजीनियर ने त्यागपत्र दिया है। दो अन्य इंजीनियरों ने स्वेच्छा से सेवा निवृत्ति के लिए अनुरोध किया है।

(ख) ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण कार्यक्रम को सीधे ही हाथ में लेने के लिए दामोदर घाटी निगम उत्तरदायी नहीं है। किन्तु, दामोदर घाटी निगम दो राज्य बिजली बोर्डों को, जो ग्राम विद्युतीकरण से संबंधित है बिजली सप्लाई करता है।

Cooking Gas connections in Mehsana City

7794. SHRI MOTIBHAI R. CHAUDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question 5081 on the 22nd July, 1980 regarding cooking gas connection in Towns of Mehsana and state:

(a) whether applications are being invited for new connections and if not, when applications will be invited;

(b) the criteria to be adopted for giving these agencies; and

(c) whether these agencies will be given on district basis or region-wise viz. one agency for North Gujarat and one each for Marsona, Banas-kantha, Sabarkantha and other districts?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL):

(a) Keeping in view the additional availability of cooking gas materialising from the beginning of 1981. the cooking gas distributors of the oil companies in different parts of the country are entertaining new registration of customers to be on the waiting lists until they can be provided new connections.

(b) During 1980-81, oil companies propose to open 12 agencies/dealerships in Gujarat State at Baroda, Gandhinagar, Surat, Navsari, Patna and Ahmedabad. As per existing policy guidelines for awarding new agencies/dealership, the following quotas are reserved