

(c) Total number of well platforms required by ONGC from 1980-81 to 1984-85 is estimated at 50 and all are planned to be installed.

(d) Manufacture of first three platforms was undertaken with limited assistance for transfer of technical know-how, training of personnel and guidance in execution of work.

Import of Power Generation Equipment for Neyveli

2096. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to import power generation equipment for Neyveli from multi-nationals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited is capable of manufacturing them; and

(d) if it is so, the reason for taking a decision to import the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). It has been decided to import three steam generators for the proposed power station at Neyveli. The purchase of turbo generators for the power station is at present under consideration.

(c) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited is reported not to possess the know-how for manufacture of lignite fired boilers.

(d) Does not arise.

Railways failed to improve the movement of Coal

2097. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have failed to improve the movement of coal to the power stations; and

(b) if so, whether the Energy Ministry have decided to move the coal to these power stations through other means?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Railways have not been able to transport the full quantity of the linked coal to power stations.

(b) No, Sir. It is not economical to transport huge quantities of coal required by the thermal power stations, situated far away from the pit-heads, by alternative means.

Gap between Production and Demand of Indigenous Coking Coal

2098. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the gap between production and demand of indigenous coking coal is widening; if so, the demand for the last two years and actual production thereof;

(b) what is the estimated demand and production of coking coal for the year 1980-81; and

(c) have Government surveyed the stock of coking coal resources in the country; if so, the extent thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) The gap between production and demand is not widening. There is a marginal shortfall in the availability of indigenous coking coal to meet the demand of the steel plants. Keeping in view the steel production programme a coking coal production plan of 25.97 million tonnes was drawn up for 1978-79, against which the production was 22.52 million tonnes. Similarly, in 1979-80 a coking coal production plan of 23.80 million tonnes was drawn against which the production was 23.50 million tonnes.