

**Agreement with USSR to Develop Coal Mines**

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Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether agreement has been reached with the Soviet Union for the production of nearly 20 million tonnes of coal and development of 12 million tonnes coking coal project with washeries and captive thermal power stations in the Jharia Coal-field;

(b) if so, when the agreement was signed;

(c) what are the main features of the agreement;

(d) the total cost of expenditure involved;

(e) to what extent the Soviet Government will help; and

(f) when the work on the implementation of the agreement is likely to be signed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (e). Yes Sir. A working programme of cooperation between India and USSR in the field of Coal Industry was signed on 31-10-1980. The agreement *inter alia* provides for technical assistance in the development of Jayant Opencast mine in Singrauli coal-field for production of 10 million tonnes/annum, sinking of shafts for development of a 2.8 m.te. capacity mine in Jhanjra in Raniganj and cooperation for developing 12 million tonne coking coal project in Jharia coalfield. The total expenditure involved in these projects can be known only after the various feasibility reports have been prepared.

(f) The agreement for preparation of recommendations for achieving 10 m.te. production per annum at Jayant Project has already been signed. (The contract with regard to Jharia coalfield is expected to be signed in 1st Quarter of 1981).

**Production of Haldia Fertilizers**

2138. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:  
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Haldia Fertilizer Plants were to start production in October, 1979 but all the units excepting the ammonia plant are lying idle;

(b) the loss suffered as a result thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to commission the plants expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Haldia Fertilizer Project was mechanically completed in November, 1979, but the plant could not start production because of the inability of the West Bengal State Electricity Board to supply the required quantum of power.

(b) The value of loss of production at 80 per cent of the installed capacity at current international prices works out to around Rs. 100 crores per annum.

(c) A 20 M W captive gas turbine is being provided for the plant.

**Issue of Industrial Licences/Letters of Intent to Pharmaceutical Industry**

2139. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) how many industrial licences, and how many letters of intent were