

granted an Industrial Licence for the manufacture of 1000 tonnes per annum of co-extruded polyethylene film. The application for a similar licence by Jeetmal Chhogmal was rejected.

(b) An Industrial Licence for the manufacture of 600 tonnes per annum of such film has also been granted to M/s. Suraj Packaging Private Limited. The letter of Intent in this case was issued to one Shri L. C. Karwa, who later formed a new private limited company, namely Suraj Packaging Private Limited. Government has no information whether he was at any stage employed by M/s. Supreme Industries Ltd. or has taken any loan from them.

(c) No information is available with the Ministry to indicate that M/s. Supreme Industries Limited have obtained any benami licence or have acquired a monopoly in the line of plastic extrusion.

#### Fire in Collieries of Hazaribagh Distt. in Bihar

3976. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether fire in the collieries of Hazaribagh district in Bihar near Ramgarh has been raging since long and not yet extinguished; and

(b) if so, causes of the outbreak of the fire, loss caused due to it, any responsibility for neglect fixed and the steps to extinguish it at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Underground fire in old worked out areas has been burning for some time in certain collieries of Hazaribagh Distt. Besides this, there has been a spontaneous combustion in old coal stock lying at Ramgarh opencast mine surface.

(b) When coal and other carbonaceous material are left for long under certain circumstances, they undergo chemical changes and start self heating. There has been no loss to Central Coalfields Ltd. by the heating

in graves as the areas have already been extracted to the extent possible and then the workings were abandoned. In view of the reasons explained above, there is no question of neglect on the part of officials of the company.

In case of underground fires, the areas have been sealed off with isolation stoppings so that the adjacent areas are not affected. In Ramgarh the fire has been extinguished with water.

#### पेट्रोल के विकल्प के रूप में एलकोहल

3977. श्री कुंभाराम शर्मा : क्या पेट्रोलियम, रसायन और उर्बरक मंत्री पेट्रोल के विकल्प के रूप में एलकोहल के बारे में 24 जून, 1980 के अतारंकित प्रश्न संख्या 1754 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पेट्रोल के विकल्प के रूप में एलकोहल की संभावना का पता लगाने के लिए गठित अन्तर्विभागीय समिति के प्रतिवेदन के मूल्यांकन का व्यौरा क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम, रसायन और उर्बरक मंत्री (श्री प्रकाश चन्द्र सेठी) अलकोहल के मोटर स्पिरिट के साथ सम्मिश्रण के प्रयोग की जांच के लिए अन्तर्विभागीय समिति द्वारा प्रस्तुत की गई रिपोर्ट पर सरकार ने विचार किया था। हालांकि ऐसी ब्लैंडिंग की तकनीकी संभाव्यता स्थापित हो चुकी है, अलकोहल की अपर्याप्त उपलब्धता के कारण ब्लैंडिंग के इस कार्यक्रम को कार्यान्वित नहीं किया जा सकता।

#### Thein Dam Project

3978. SWAMI INDERVESH:  
SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) when was the proposal for the Thein Dam mooted and when the