

(i) The supply of adequate quantity of coal of right quality. Defaulting collieries are being identified and the representatives of the Power Stations posted there for joint sampling. Coal companies have been required to intensify hand-picking of stones, shales and other extraneous material so as to improve the quality. Coal companies have also been advised to instal portable/permanent crushers at mines and undertake appropriate coal beneficiation programmes.

(ii) Assistance to the State electricity Boards to undertake plant betterment programmes and better preventive maintenance schedule.

(iii) Identification of deficiency in design of equipments and taking up programme of their rectification and replacement.

(iv) Arranging timely supply of spare parts from indigenous and foreign suppliers.

(v) Undertaking training programmes for engineers and technical personal entrusted with the operation and maintenance of Power Stations.

(vi) Detailed monitoring of the construction schedules of all the on-going power projects.

#### **Oil Find in Arunachal Pradesh**

\*119. SHRI MADHAVRAO  
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) how many wells have been drilled in Kharsangh structure in Arunachal Pradesh and how many of them have been found to be oil bearing and how many gas bearing; and

(b) the estimated amount of oil and gas found to be present there?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b)

Out of the 5 wells drilled in the Kharsang area, oil was found in 2 wells. The fifth well has indicated the presence of oil but awaits testing. Crude oil potential will be known after the drilling in the area is completed.

#### **Impact on Prices of Petroleum Products due to War between Iran and Iraq**

\*120. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state the likely impact of Iran-Iraq war on the prices of the petroleum products?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): There has been some dislocation in supply of crude oil and petroleum products in the wake of the Iraq-Iran conflict. Efforts are being made to make up the short-falls by arranging supplies to the extent required, either on a Government to Government basis or by spot purchases. This involves extra expenditure as spot prices of crude and of petroleum products have shown an increase after the start of the war. Government is studying the short and long range implications and a clear picture will emerge only after a few months.

#### **Names of Vidyapati's songs**

1001. SHRI RAM SINGH  
SHAKYA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) names of the Vidyapati's songs presented by the Delhi Television in the year 1980;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Television ignores Vidyapati's songs; and

(c) if so, steps taken to change the policy to the Delhi Television in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) No songs of Vidyapati's have been presented by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi during 1980.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi, is a regional station covering an area around Delhi and Mussoorie and telecasts programmes in Hindi. Vidyapati's songs are in Hindi. Vidyapati's songs are in Mithila region of Bihar. This does not, however, mean that songs of Vidyapati or any other traditional poet are not telecast by Delhi TV. The fact is that since the duration of transmission is limited and telecasts are in the evening, opportunities for putting out devotional music are rather restricted.

#### **Lock out in Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.**

1004. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the circumstances under which the management of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. declared lock-out in the Monidih project; and

(b) what steps have been taken to ensure smooth functioning of the project in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) On 11-9-1980, a mob of over 150 workers in the Monidih mine of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., gheraoed the guest house and assaulted three officers with iron rods, lothis, stones and bricks as a result of which those officers sustained grievous injuries; two of them had fractures and head injuries. One security guard was also assaulted. They did not allow any medical aid to be given to the injured officers.

The workers also abstained from work in a concerted manner and struck work illegally. In view of the atmosphere of violence prevailing in the area due to strikes and assaults on the officers, the Management declared lockout in the mine.

(b) Disciplinary action including dismissal has been taken by the Company against workmen who have indulged in violence and assaults. The Joint Bipartite Consultative Committee of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., has also condemned the violence and has resolved that grievances of workers should be settled through constitutional and lawful means.

#### **Spot purchase of crude**

1006. SHRI N. E. HORO.

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to make a spot purchase of 30,000 tonnes of crude in the World Market;

(b) if so, whether any global tender for this purpose has been asked; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) We have purchased a total quantity of 1.27 million tonnes on the spot tender basis during the current year.

(b) These spot purchases are effected on the basis of tender enquiries floated by Indian Oil Corporation.

(c) It would not be in the national interest to disclose any further details.