

(ii) In the meeting recently held between the Minister for Energy and the Minister for Railways, it has been impressed upon the Railways to accord highest priority to the transportation of Coal to Power Houses by increasing the movement of Coal to a level of about 4000 wagons per day in the coming

months to enable the Power Stations to maximise Power generation and to be able to build up Coal Stock. The level of movement of Coal to the Power Stations has improved from about 2600 wagons a day in September, 1980 to about 3200 a day in November, 1980.

### Statement

Statement showing the allocation and Actual receipt of Wagons per day for movement of coal by Rail to thermal power stations for the period from January, 1980 to October, 1980

Months	Allocation for movement by Rail (Wagons/day)	Wagons actually received by the Power Houses (Wagons/day)	Remarks
January, '80 . . . . .	3930	2805	For calculating the wagons per day the following assumptions have been taken. (a) each month consisting of 30 days. (b) each wagon carrying 22 tons of coal.
February, '80 . . . . .	3754	2905	
March, '80 . . . . .	3682	3388	
April, '80 . . . . .	4160	3038	
May, '80 . . . . .	4114	3215	
June, '80 . . . . .	4146	2942	
July, '80 . . . . .	4193	2953	
August, '80 . . . . .	4100	2455	
September, '80 . . . . .	4206	2480	
October, '80 . . . . .	4518	2800	

### Discussion with U.S.S.R. Expert team in the Field of Coal and Energy

1031. SHRI SHIV KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a team of experts recently visited India to discuss collaboration with India in the fields of coal and energy, as reported in the *Indian Express* dated 18th October, 1980;

(b) if so, the details of the delegation that visited India and the discussions held with counter-parts in India; and

(c) the extent to which Soviet Union agreed to assist India economically?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The delegation was led by First Deputy Minister of the USSR Coal Industry and included among others the Chairman "Isvetmetrom-export" and of Chairman "Zorubejugol".

A working programme of co-operation between the two countries was signed for modernisation and development of coal industry in India. This provides for Soviet technical assistance in designing of new mines and in dealing with certain specific technological problems in mines and washeries.