

(vi) Existing employees of Engineers India Ltd. Promotions from within the Company are made upon the recommendation of the duly constituted Departmental Promotion Committees each year.

(b) The Recruitment Rules are generally based on BPE guidelines.

Proposal to step up oil production in Bombay High

1046. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH:

SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK:

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to consider proposals from foreign oil companies for stepping up oil production from Bombay High;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any proposals so far in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details and Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) to (c). No detailed proposals but a suggestion for collaboration to produce an additional quantity of 5 million tonnes per annum of crude oil out of Bombay High and satellite structure within 2 years has been received on behalf of a foreign company. They have been asked to furnish more details.

Rise in the price of Coal

1048. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that coal is being sold at the rate

of Rs. 20 (twenty) per md. in different parts of the country;

(b) is it a fact that this unprecedented rise in price of coal has greatly affected the common man; and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) be in affirmative, what steps Government have or propose to take to bring down its price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) The coal price is fixed by the Government for sale at the pit-heads. The price of coal at the consumers end consists of the pit-head price of coal and the various taxes payable, transportation and handling charges and varies from place to place.

In view of the shortage in the availability of Railway wagons consumers have resorted to transport coal by road at a much higher cost. As a result depending on the destination the price of coal varies from Rs. 15—20 per maund. With a view to bring down the cost of coal to the consumers, steps are being taken to increase the loading of coal by Railway wagons.

Cost plus Pricing Formula for Coal

1049. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Experts Committee on Public Enterprises has recommended a 'Cost-Plus' pricing formula for coal; and

(b) if so, what are the other recommendations of the Committee regarding coal and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). The report of the Expert Committee on Public Enterprises relating to Coal India and its subsidiaries has been received very recently and its recommendations are under examination.