

**BEN M. JOSHI:** (a) to (d). The matter is under study. The details have yet to be worked out.

**Britain's help to Coal India Limited to develop Coal Mines**

2122. **SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:**

**SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:**

**SHRI K. PRADHANI:**

**SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI:**

**SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI:**

**SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI:**

**SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR:**

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Government of Britain has agreed to help the Coal India in a big way for the integrated development of coal mines in our country;

(b) whether they have also agreed to give the benefit of their advanced technology in the field of coal development; and

(c) if so, the precise plans that they have offered in this respect and what is Government's decision in this regard?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government of U.K. have during the last five years given assistance amounting to \$ 21 million to finance import of sophisticated mining equipment from U.K., preparation of feasibility reports for two mines and training of technical personnel in U.K. as well as in India.

**Allocation of Bitumen**

2123. **SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for reducing the allocation of bitumen from 84500 metric tonnes in 1979-80 to 75000 metric tonnes in 1980 for Tamil Nadu, while in the case of all other States and Union Territories the bitumen allocation has been increased in 1980 as compared to 1979;

(b) the quantum of advance payment made by the State Government to I.O.C. towards the cost of bitumen and since when this amount remains unadjusted; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for increasing the allotment of bitumen to Tamil Nadu?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI):** (a) The allocations of bitumen for 1980-81 to all the States were based on the average sale of the product in the three preceding years. The allocation for Tamil Nadu for 1980-81 was accordingly kept at 75,000 tonnes on the basis of figures of three years rather than the figure for 1979-80 alone.

(b) An amount of Rs. 14.13 crores, which includes the increased price of bitumen, was received from the State Government as advance towards the cost of bitumen by the Indian Oil Corporation. The balance pending for adjustments at present is Rs. 4.09 crores.

(c) It is not possible to increase the allocation of bitumen for Tamil Nadu in 1980-81 in view of constraints of its availability at present.

**Waiting Lists for Gas connection in Metropolitan Cities**

2124. **PROF. NARAYAN CHAND PARASHER:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state the number of persons registered for gas connections who were still on the waiting list as on 31st January, 1981 in the Metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI):** The number of