

why work on Rajasthan Canal project has been delayed is due to the shortage in the availability of coal. Adequate stocks of coal are available at the pit-heads to meet the demand of consumers in full including that of the Rajasthan Canal Project. Coal shortage has, however, been experienced by the project on account of transportation constraints.

(c) The question of increasing movement of coal to Rajasthan Canal Project was taken up with the Ministry of Railways who have indicated that in view of high priority of the Project, instructions have been issued to step up the supply of coal to the Project and additional rakes are expected to move to the project.

Visit by Retired officers to Ministry

6606. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2002 dated the 3rd March, 1981 regarding employment of Officers after retirement and state:

(a) whether in view of the very close contacts which these two officers referred to in the above reply and the influence they wield with their vast resources, any check is being exercised over their free movement in the various Branches/Sections in his Ministry and their ready access to the staff dealing with the cases of their principals and through that staff to the official records;

(b) if so, what and if not, reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of times they visit his Ministry in Shastri Bhawan during a month on an average during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b): All representatives of Private Firms and their Association are allowed to meet officers of the rank of Under

Secretary and above by appointment with the officer concerned. The representatives of Private Firms and their Associations are not permitted to meet officers below the rank of Under Secretary and other staff and they cannot therefore be said to have free access to the Sections and the staff.

(c) No record of the number of visits of outsiders is maintained by this Ministry.

Firms engaged in Production of Polyester Metalised Film

6607. SHRI CHATURBHUI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the firms engaged in the production of polyester metalised film;

(b) the total production capacity of above firms and their total production during the vast two years;

(c) whether this production was sufficient to meet the domestic consumption;

(d) if not, the total import of Polyester Metalised Films made during the past two years; and

(e) the steps being taken to meet the requirement of Polyester Metalised Films in future?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) The following companies are engaged in the manufacture of polyester metalised films:—

(i) M/s. Rexor India Ltd., New Delhi,

(ii) M/s. Chemicat Limite-1, Vadodara and

(iii) M/s. Garware Plastics & Polyester Private Limited, Bombay.

(b) The total installed capacity of the above Companies is 1025 tonnes. Production in the years 1979 and 1980 was 461 tonnes and 596 tonnes respectively.