

(b) In recent months, the Government of West Bengal had indicated a requirement of 65000 tonnes of HSD and 40,000 tonnes of kerosene per month for the State.

(c) Diesel allocations to the States and Union Territories, including West Bengal, have been maximised keeping in view the overall product availability and movement capacity. For March, 1981, the diesel allocation has been made at a level 15 per cent more than the sale in March, 1980. In the case of kerosene, the monthly allocations are being made at a level of 5 per cent more than the actual sale in the corresponding month of previous year. Ad-hoc increases in allocation of these products have also been given to West Bengal taking into account the requirement indicated by the State Government.

Firing at Contract Labourers in Balrampur Coal Mines of Hazaribagh

2856. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
YADAV:

SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the firing at contract labourers at coal mines at Balrampur in Hazaribagh on February 7 in which 3 persons were killed and many injured;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any probe has been conducted into this incident; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof and action taken, if any, thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b). According to the reports received from the CCL and Government of Bihar, police had to resort to firing on a violent crowd at Balrampur project site. The agitators

were demanding jobs for all the job-seeking persons of Hazaribagh district and even other districts. They were even not allowing the costly equipment to be removed from the project site.

(c) and (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Damage to Transmitters of AIR at Dibrugarh due to Bomb Blast

2857. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: -

SHRI ARJUN SETHI:

SHRI K. PRADHANI:

SHRI M. RAMGOPAL
REDDY:

SHRI DHARAMBIR SINHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that two powerful bomb blasts on 12-2-81 damaged transmitters at All India Radio at Dibrugarh in Upper Assam and at Gauhati affecting the programmes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of persons arrested in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUD-BEN M. JOSHI): (a) and (b). One of the mast based insulators of the 10 KW MW transmitter at Gauhati and the only insulator of the 100 KW MW transmitter at Dibrugarh were damaged by bomb explosions at about 11 p.m. on 11-2-81. While the programmes broadcast from Gauhati were not affected in any way, the programmes scheduled from AIR Dibrugarh had to be broadcast from a low power standby transmitter from the morning of 12-2-1981 till 4.50 p.m. the same day when the main transmitter was put back in service with power restricted.