

speed diesel in respect of Bihar between April, 1980 and January, 1981

and the allocations for February and March, 1981:—

Figures in metric tonnes

Month	Kerosene		HSD	
	Allocation	Sales	Allocation	Sales
April, 1980	23000	20357	40000	40249
May, 1980	23000	18213	43000	41442
June, 1980	18910	16385	40800	36413
July, 1980	20800	19726	40800	32245
August, 1980	20300	16896	37500	26780
September, 1980	21200	19963	37500	26554
October, 1980	18090	18659	31933	33087
November, 1980	19080	18339	37000	34329
December, 1980	18400	18369	41300	39910
January, 1981	19400	18498	42100	38177
February, 1981	19000	Not available	38300	Not available
March, 1981	20400	Month is not over	45000	Month is not over

The diesel allocation to the States/ Union Territories, including Bihar, has 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 sales in March 1980. In the case of kerosene, the monthly allocations are being made at a level 5 per cent more than the actual sales in the corresponding months of the previous year. Ad-hoc increases in the allocations of these products have also been given to Bihar keeping in view the requirements indicated by the State Government.

Development of Underground Coal Mines in collaboration with UK

2897. SHRI K. PRADHANI:

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SHRI P. M. SAYEED:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to undertake integrated development of underground coal mines with collaboration of U.K.;

(b) if so, the name of those coal mines;

(c) when such proposal is going to be implemented; and

(d) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY
(SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN
CHAUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The coal mines are Asnapani near Asansol and Ghusick in East Bokaro Coalfields.

(c) and (d). The experts from the U.K. are expected to submit in next 8 to 10 months feasibility reports of these projects for consideration of the Government. Data collection is now in progress and some of the experts have already arrived in India.