

Commission on Alternative Energy

1252. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KID-
WAI:

SHR DHARAM DAS SHAS-
TRI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to form a Commission on alternative sources of energy;

(b) if so, its aims and objects; and

(c) the present stage about its formation?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) to (c). The Government have decided to establish an Alternative Energies Commission. It is proposed that the Commission shall be responsible for formulating policies and programmes for the development of new and renewable sources of energy, for coordinating and intensifying research and development activities in this area and for ensuring implementation of Government's policies in regard to all matters concerning new and renewable sources of energy.

Threat of Closure of the Cement Factories, Hyderabad

1253. SHRI CHHANGUR RAM:

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of considerable disruption in production and threat of closure of the cement factories in South of Hyderabad

because of denial of coal supplies from the western coalfields;

(b) if so, what are the industries;

(c) the places where cement factories have been affected;

(d) to what extent the coal was supplied to them during the month of December 1980 and January 1981;

(e) the estimated loss in cement production being suffered by these cement units as a result thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to remove the bottlenecks in the supply of coal to these units?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b). Seven cement factories in South are linked for part of their coal supplies from Chanda coalfields of Western Coalfields Ltd. They have reported short supply of coal which has adversely affected the production of cement.

(c) and (d). The cement factories linked with Chanda coalfields are situated at Ammasandra, Dalmiapuram, Karur, Panyam, Sankaridrug, Talaiyuthu and Tulukapatti. A statement-I showing their linkage of coal on Chanda coal-fields and receipt of coal by them in December, 1980 and January, 1981 is attached.

(e) It is not possible to quantify the loss in cement production exclusively due to short supply of coal from Chanda coal-fields. However, a Statement showing the production and percentage utilisation of capacity of the aforementioned cement factories during the months of December, 1980 and January, 1981 is attached.

(f) The coal supplies to cement factories are reviewed regularly and steps taken to step up coal supplies to cement industry.

Statement-I

Names of cement factories having part linkage of coal on Chanda Coal Fields, their location and receipts of coal in December, 1980 and January, 1981.

(IN TONNES)

Name of the Factory	Name of the State where located	Monthly coal linkage	Receipts	
			December	January
1. Ammasandra	Karnataka	6200	4462	2665
2. Dalmiapuram	Tamil Nadu	2200	1377	Nil
3. Karur	Do.	1600	897	943
4. Panyam	Andhra Pradesh	1600	Nil	1040
5. Sankaridrug	Tamil Nadu	1600	237	2000
6. Talaiyuthu	Do.	1600	Nil	61
7. Tulukapatti	Do.	6000	*1380(P)	*3946(P)
		20800	8353	10655
Total Percentage of receipts to the linkage.			40%	51%

* Provisional.

Statement-II

Production and percentage utilisation of the cement factories situated in Southern Region during the month of December, 1980—January, 1981.

(in tonnes)

Name of the factory	Monthly capacity	December 1980	% age	Jan. 1981	% age
Ammasandra	42500	37128	87	37340	88
Dalmiapuram	43750	56355	129	46397	106
Karur	33333	35586	107	33009	99
Panyam	44250	31501	71	28769	65
Sankaridrug	50000	33901	68	43122	86
Talaiyuthu	76083	41920	55	56722	75
Tulukapatti	33333	42120	126	34538	104
Total percentage	323249	278511	86	279897	87