

Construction of a Post Office building at Golebazar, Kharagpur district, Midnapur, West Bengal

2299. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations regarding construction of a Post Office at Golebazar, Kharagpur District, Midnapur, West Bengal;

(b) if so, since when Government have been receiving such representations and how many such representations have been received; and

(c) action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A communication on the subject was received from the Hon'ble Member in July, 1980. The Hon'ble Member has followed it up with 4 more letters on the subject so far.

(c) The case was taken up with the Ministry of Railways who have since offered a plot of land measuring 80 ft. x 70 ft. for construction of post office building. The matter is being processed further.

Coal available in Raigarh Mines

2300. SHRI DALBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of coal available in the coal mines of Raigarh in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) is there any proposal to establish any Thermal or Super Thermal Power Project based on these mines of Raigarh; if so, what is the decision of Government of India on this point; and

(c) whether the coal mines of Raigarh District have been reserved for any other State Electricity Projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) The quantity of coal available in Mand-Raigarh field of Madhya Pradesh as reported by G.S.I. is 977 m.t. of which only 1.15 m.t. is proved, 1.32 m.t. is indicated and rest inferred reserves.

(b) There is, at present, no proposal with us for the setting up of any Thermal or Super Thermal Power Station based on the mines of Raigarh. The Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board had indicated that the proposal to establish a Thermal Power Station on the bank of river Mand in Raigarh District is under formulation. No feasibility report has, however, been received.

(c) No, Sir. Further Geological prospecting is required to prove the indicated reserves.

Utilising Micro-wave System for Broadcasting Programme

2301. SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the reasons why the micro-wave link between Madras-Bombay cannot be used for a T.V. Relay Station for Cochin, which will cost less than Rs. 10 lakh and cover over one million people?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): The existing Post and Telegraph micro-wave link between Madras and Bombay does not pass through Ernakulam (Cochin) and cannot, therefore be used for setting up a TV relay station at Cochin.

The cost of a T.V. Relay Centre with 10 K.W. transmitter and a 150 metres mast is approximately Rs. 200 lakh and not Rs. 10 lakh.