

**News-Item caption "Rising Pithead Stocks—Coal India may go in for Exports"**

3202. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal production in the first five months of 1981-82 has fallen short of the targeted level; if so, by how much and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether his attention has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in the 'Financial Express', New Delhi dated 12th August, 1981 under the caption 'Rising Pithead stocks—Coal India may go in for exports; and

(c) if so, to which countries coal is likely to be exported and at what price and whether it would be on Government to Government basis or part of some barter deal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) As against the target of coal production in the country of 46.79 million tonnes during April—August '81, the actual production was 45.72 million tonnes (provisional) showing a marginal shortfall of 1.07 million tonnes or 2.3% from the target. This is mainly due to heavy absenteeism in Eastern Coal-fields Ltd. during April and May '81 and the strikes in Singareni during May—June '81. The production in the current year during this period is, however, 9% higher than the production for April—August '80 which was 41.94 m.t.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) At present some coal is being exported to the neighbouring countries such as Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh, which have been taking coal traditionally from India for meeting their requirements. About 37000 tonnes coal was exported to these countries in April—June, 1981. About 40,000 tonnes of low volatile coal

for which there is no internal demand has been offered for export. MMTC, through whom export of coal will be canalised, are at present negotiating with the perspective buyers such as South Korea and Belgium but no firm commitment has so far been made

**Waiting list for telephone connections in Ahmednagar district**

3203. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons in the waiting list of telephones at various Telephone Exchanges in Ahmadnagar Distt. (Maharashtra) as on 1st August, 1981 and since when they are on the waiting list;

(b) how many of the persons on the waiting list were provided telephone connections during the year 1980 and so far in 1981 (exchange-wise);

(c) by when the waiting list is likely to be covered (exchange-wise); and

(d) what steps Government have taken to improve the working of the telephone exchanges in Ahmadnagar District?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) and (b). The waiting list of telephones at various Telephone Exchanges at Ahmadnagar District as on 1st August, 1981; the date up to which connections has been released, the number of connections given in 1980 and upto August 1981 is given in the annexure.

(c) The waiting list will be progressively cleared depending on the availability of equipment and store.

(d) Maintenance will be intensified for further improving the service.

**Statement**

*Waiting list of Telephones at various Exchanges in Ahmadnagar District as on 1-8-81*

Sl. No.	Name of Exchange	Waiting List	Connections released upto	Connections Provided	
				in 1980	in 1981 upto Aug. 81.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Ashvi . . . . .	4	6-3-81	9	1
2.	Andrsool . . . . .	10	4-8-79	1	..
3.	Belapur Town . . . . .	8	14-4-79	..	..