

**रतलाम और मन्दासौर के बीच 8-चैनल  
व्यवस्था**

1312. श्री फूल चन्द वर्मा : क्या  
संचार मंत्रों यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) रतलाम और मन्दासौर के बीच  
आठ चैनल व्यवस्था कब तक शुरू की  
जायेगी ;

(ख) क्या आठ-चैनल व्यवस्था के  
अभाव में तथा एकचेंज पर भारी दवाब के  
कारण, प्रयोक्ताओं को काफी अमुविधा  
हो रही है ; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो इन संबंध में क्या  
कार्यवाही की गई है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री  
कार्तिक उरांव) : (क) रतलाम और  
मन्दासौर के बीच आठ-चैनल प्रणाली पहले  
से ही कार्य कर रहा है ।

(ख) इन संबंध में कोई खास शिकायत  
नहीं की गई है ।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

**Coal Prices and Losses suffered by  
Collieries**

1313. SHRI MOHD. ASRAR  
AHMAD:

**SHRI CHINTAMANI  
PANIGRAHI:**

Will the Minister of ENERGY be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are con-  
templating to increase the prices of  
different kinds of coal in the near  
future and has formulated a scheme  
in that connection (full details be  
given);

(b) the reasons for the proposed  
increase in the prices of the aforesaid  
varieties of coal;

(c) how much loss all different  
Government and Private Coal  
Undertakings have suffered during  
the last five years (year-wise); and

(d) whether Government have pro-  
posed to acquire foreign technology to  
increase the output of coal from im-  
portant collieries if so, full details be  
given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN  
THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY  
(SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a)  
No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As all the coal mines except  
those owned by the companies engag-  
ed in the production of iron and  
steel, have been nationalised there is  
no private coal undertaking in  
existence. The loss incurred by CIL  
and SCCL during the last five years  
is as follow:—

Years	* CIL	SCCL	
1	2	3	4
(Rs. in crores)			
1976-77	83.07	2.66	(excluding Investment allowance Reserve of Rs. 0.01 crore).
1977-78	138.78	9.10	(excluding Investment allowances Reserve of Rs. 2.11 crores)

\* Figures furnished above include prior period adjustment.