

(a) whether Government propose to start a T.V. Relay Station at Kodai-kanal in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the areas to be covered by this station?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. A T.V. Relay Centre is proposed to be set up at Kodaikanal during the Sixth Plan period.

(b) The Relay Transmitter is expected to have a service range of 180 Kms. with an area of about 60,000 sq. kms. of Madurai, Coimbatore and Ramanathapuram districts and parts of Tirunelveli, Tiruchirapalli Salem and Nilgiri districts.

Supply of Electricity by Sub-Station of DVC in Godda Districts (Bihar)

4996. SHRI SAMINUDDIN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sub-station of Damodar Valley Corporation in Godda District, Santhal Pargana (Bihar) has been muddling in the supply of electricity for years together and for the last one month it has not been supplying electricity even for two hours, as a result of which the public is facing great difficulties;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to the failure of rains during the "Hathia Nakshatra" the farmers of Bhagalpur district, Santhal Pargana, are facing drought conditions which has necessitated operation of tube-wells by electricity;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the electricity officers at Godda are still creating hurdles in the supply of electricity; and

(d) if the replies to the above parts be in the affirmative whether Government propose to take steps to improve the power supply position in Godda region, Santhal Pargana, Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI

VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Vindictive transfers of male and female loaders

4997. SHRI MUKUNDA MANDAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the vindictive transfers of male and female loaders by the colliery management of the Eastern Coalfields Ltd.;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) steps taken by Government to stop such vindictive transfers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (c). Information has been received in regard to the transfer of male and female workers of Rana Colliery to Banueneri Colliery of ECL. Surplus workers are transferred from one colliery to another and there is no victimisation in this case. Generally, both husband and wife employed in a colliery are transferred together to some other colliery so that they can live together. In this case, transfers of many female workers were subsequently cancelled on their representations.

Centres offer for Managing Power Plants for Efficient Utilisation

4998. SHRI ZAINUL BASHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the inefficient utilisation of the Power Plants of the crisis-ridden States like Uttar Pradesh, his Ministry have offered to manage the plants by introducing the latest technology and methodology;

(b) if so, the names of the States to which the offer has been made; and

(c) the reaction of the States thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (c). At Power Minister's Conference and other occasions suggestions were made by the Central Government offering assistance to the State Governments/State Electricity Boards to improve the performance of thermal power plants in their states by providing necessary technical expertise/consultancy, overall management of power stations arranging adequate quantity and quality of coal and arranging spare parts from indigenous and foreign sources. No specific reactions have been received so far.

दिल्ली में खाना पकाने की गैस के कनेक्शन

4999. श्री फूलचंद वर्मा : क्या पेट्रोलियम, रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली में कुछ उपभोक्ता, वर्ष 1979 में खाना पकाने की गैस के लिए पंजीकृत किए गए थे ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनको गैस कनेक्शन कब तक दे दिए जायेंगे ;

(ग) ऐसे कितने उपभोक्ता पंजीकृत हैं जिन्हें अभी तक खाना पकाने की गैस के कनेक्शन नहीं दिए गए हैं ; और

(घ) तत्संबंधी पूरा ब्यौरा क्या है ।

पेट्रोलियम, रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री प्रकाश चन्द्र सेठी) (क) : से (घ). वर्ष 1979 के दौरान खाना पकाने की गैस (एल० पी० जी०) के कनेक्शनों के लिए दिल्ली में लगभग 1,80,000 आवेदक पंजीकृत किए गए थे, जिनमें से 17,000 व्यक्तियों को अभी तक खाना पकाने की गैस (एल० पी० जी०) के कनेक्शन प्रदान का दिये गये हैं । वर्ष 1979 की प्रतीक्षा सूची सहित खाना पकाने की गैस की प्रतीक्षा

सूचियों को अगले दो से तीन वर्षों में चरणबद्ध तरीके से निपटाया जायेगा ।

Salary of Pensioners of Defence Services Working as Extra Department Employees in Villages of Haryana

5000. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pensioners of Defence Services working as Extra Departmental employees under his Ministry in villages of Haryana have been deprived of pension and Dearness Allowances as the Pension Pay Master (Controller Defence Accounts) considers that these employees can draw only a fixed salary with no other benefits like leave, DA and other security;

(b) whether these employees are regular and if so, the total salary being paid to them including all allowances; and

(c) if so, whether these employees are entitled to pension as ex-servicemen?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Scant Attention to Development of Hydel Power

5001. SHRI SUBODH SEN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state: