

Achievement of Coal Production target for 1981-82

4665. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target of coal production for the year 1981-82 has been fully achieved; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). A coal production target of 121 million tonnes was fixed for 1981-82 consultation with Planning Commission. Judging from the trends in coal production upto February '82, it can be estimated that a coal production of 124 million tonnes will be achieved in 1981-82, which is the revised internal target of production for 1981-82.

Distribution of Power Generated in Central Sector

4666. SHRI R. L. BHATIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have evolved a scheme for distribution of power generation in the Central Sector to the different States;

(b) if so, the criteria fixed for distribution; and

(c) how much additional power will be made available to the State of Punjab during 1982 under this scheme and whether there is going to be any change in tariff for the power now to be supplied to the State Governments under the above scheme and if so, the particulars thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). The Centre has taken up a programme for the setting up of large pit head thermal stations to supplement the efforts of the State in meeting their power needs. Power is allocated from these stations generally among the States of the region taking into

account Central Plan assistance and energy consumption during the last five years with some extra weightage being given to the home State in which the power station is located. The approach of regional allocation of power is applicable to Central hydro projects also.

(c) Punjab has an allocation of 200MW from the final capacity of 2000MW of the Singrauli Super Thermal Station whose first unit of 200MW has been recently synchronised in Feb., 1982. The tariff for the supply of power from the Singrauli Super Thermal Power Station has not yet been fixed.

Increase in strength of mobile post offices in Madras City

4667. DR. A. KALANIDHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals to increase the strength of Mobile post offices in Madras City ;

(b) if so, when it will be done;

(c) how many are proposed to be added; and

(d) if not, what prevents their increase to meet the growing needs for the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

(d) Two mobile post offices are already functioning in Madras City between 16.15 and 20.20 hours in the evening having halts at 11 places. It is not presently proposed to open any more mobile post offices in Madras City due to the following reasons:

1. Mobile post offices in major cities were primarily intended to provide the facility of late posting to connect with the Night Air Mail Service. Night Air Mail Service is no longer in operation.
2. Besides the two mobile post offices, three stationary night

post office are also functioning in Madras City to provide to public late posting/booking facility.

3. The increasing cost of operation and the need to economize diesel consumption are also to be kept in view.

Anomaly in Pay Scale of Corporation in Postal Forms and Seals Stores Wings, Aligarh

4668. SHRI R. N. RAKESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1418 on 1 December, 1981 regarding anomaly in pay scale of carpenters in the Postal Forms and Seals Stores Wing, Aligarh and to state:

(a) whether the requisite information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and when the same will be placed on the Table of the House?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The post of Carpenter in Postal Stores, Forms and Seals, Aligarh was created in the scale of Rs. 85—128 in replacement of Class IV. The pay scale was revised to Rs. 210—290 on the recommendation of the Third Pay Commission. Upgradation of the post was itself an incentive and no other incentive is envisaged at present. Two posts of carpenters in Postal Stores Depot are in the Scale of pay of Rs. 210—290 as per recommendation of Ird Pay Commission. The carpenter of Postal Stores, Forms and Seals, Aligarh is not supplied with overalls as he works in office premises only and as such he is not being paid washing allowance tools allowance and cycle maintenance allowance. At present there is no post of carpenter in the Civil Wing of the P&T Department in Aligarh. Several years back a post of carpenter was there but it is no more there now.

Skilled carpenters in P&T Civil Wing are in the scale of pay of Rs. 260—400 and Semi skilled carpenters who are called as Assistant carpenters are in the scale of pay of Rs. 210—290. The difference of pay scale between the two wings of the P&T Department is due to different nature of work performed by them. The Tool allowance, Cycle maintenance allowance are allowed to Civil Wing carpenters as they are required to work outside office premises at work sites. The Washing allowance is allowed to them as they are supplied with overalls. The Pay scale of the posts of the two wings were determined by the Government on the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission.

(c) Does not arise.

Captive Diesel Generator for Sangli Radio Station.

4669. SHRI SURAJ BHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 261 on 24 November, 1981 regarding installation of captive diesel generator for Sangli Radio Station and state:

(a) when the project note in connection with the installation of the captive diesel generator set for Sangli Radio Station was submitted for approval of the scheme;

(b) whether Government have approved the said scheme; if so, when; and

(c) what is the estimated expenditure of the scheme and the time it would take to commission the set?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The complete project note including civil engineering works is not yet ready.

(b) No, Sir, does not arise.

(c) The approximate capital cost is expected to be about Rs. 2.5 lakhs. It usually take 18—24 months for the order to fructify.