

pleased to state whether Government propose any systematic study relating to procedures for appointment of judges in order to ensure that a panel of judges is prepared in anticipation of vacancies so that there may not be any vacancy at any point of time?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGAN NATH KAUSHAL): The Law Commission was requested in 1978 to consider in depth the matter of improvement of procedures for the appointment of High Court and Supreme Court Judges and furnish a detailed report. The Law Commission gave its recommendations in its 80th Report which was laid on the Table of the House in January, 1980. The Law Commission has observed that the present constitutional scheme as to the method of appointment of Judges is basically sound.

In order to ensure that vacancies that filled up expeditiously the State authorities have been advised to adhere to a time-scheduled in the matter of sending their recommendations for filling up vacancies in the High Courts.

Proposals for Development of Coal Deposits in Ib Valley

3884. **DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) what are the detailed proposals for development of Asia's largest deposit of coal in Ib Valley of Orissa ; and

(b) whether action is being contemplating for setting up a thermal power station to exploit gigantic thermal grade coal deposits there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) Ib Valley coalfield is not the largest deposit of coal in Asia. Present production from this coalfield is about 1.26 million tonnes and it is proposed to be increased to 2.00 million tonnes and 4.50 million tonnes in Sixth and Seventh Plan periods respectively. Additional production will come from reorganisation of existing mines and by opening new mines.

(b) Communication has been received from the State Government of their proposal for setting up of a power station at Brajrajnagar. But, no feasibility report has been received by the Central Electricity Authority in respect of this scheme. However, the expansion of coal mines in Ib Valley coalfield has been planned for meeting coal requirement of power stations.

Radio Station in Orissa

3885. **SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government propose to conduct survey work for setting up more radio stations in Orissa; and

(b) whether Government propose to provide facilities for the non-T.V. covered areas like Phulbani, Balangin, Ganjam and Kalahandi ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). No, Sir.