

supply on Heavy Engineering Corporation though their offer in collaboration with a British firm was higher than that of an American concern.

The delivery schedule of the American offer was also marginally favourable. While both these offers were found to be technically acceptable, Coal India was advised to place orders on HEC taking into account the considerations of promoting indigenisation and the policy of giving certain price reference to public sector undertakings. Therefore, the letter of intent issued by Coal India Ltd., to the U.S. Manufacturers was not converted into a firm order.

(e) & (f). There have been certain slippages in delivery erection and commissioning of the first two draglines against the schedule originally envisaged. The question of expediting delivery, erection and commissioning of the equipment is being vigorously pursued with HEC at different levels by Coal India the Government.

#### Retired Officers working in Private Companies

3506. SHRI DIGAMBAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2654 dated 27th July, 1982 regarding retired Officers working in private companies and state:

(a) The outcome of the investigation into the complaint referred to in part (a) of the above reply, the officials and non-officials involved and the remedial action taken in the matter;

(b) whether he proposes to overhaul this Branch with a view to give clean administration and eradicate all such malpractices; and.

(c) if not, how he proposes to deal with the malady?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). The case is still under investigation. Meanwhile, one offi-

cial has been transferred. Transfers are effected at suitable intervals as far as possible. Instructions have been issued that only officers of the rank of Under Secretary and above may meet visitors by appointment.

#### Setting up of Organisation for Development of tidal solar and wind power Energy

3507. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up an organisation for developing energy from tidal, solar and wind power in the country;

(b) if so, steps taken in this regard; and

(c) the progress achieved so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS, OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (c). Government has set up a Commission for Additional Sources of Energy (CASE). CASE co-ordinates matters relating to harnessing of all new and renewable sources of energy. Furthermore, a Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has also been set up recently.

आर्थिक उन्नति में आवश्यक साधन के रूप में विज्ञान

3508. श्री कृष्ण प्रताप सिंह: क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हाल ही में दिल्ली में एशियन एड-वर्टाइजमेन्ट कांग्रेस की 13वीं बैठक में 'एडवर्टाइजमेन्ट एन इंडोशियल इनपुट इन इकॉनामिक ग्रोथ' पर हुई चर्चा के मुख्य बातों का बौरा क्या है;

(ख) इस बैठक में निकाले गए महत्वपूर्ण निष्कर्ष क्या हैं; और

(ग) इन निष्कर्षों के व्यावहारिक क्रियान्वयन के सम्बन्ध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन. के. पी. साल्वे): (क) 13 वीं एशियन एडवर्टाइजिंग कांग्रेस का नई दिल्ली में 27 सितम्बर से 1 अक्टूबर, 1982 तक आयोजन निम्नलिखित गैर-सरकारी एजेंसियों द्वारा किया गया था :-

1. इन्डियन सोसाइटी आफ एडवर्टाइजर्स ।
3. इन्डियन एण्ड इस्टर्न न्यूजपेपर सोसाइटी ।
3. इन्डियन लैंग्वेज न्यूजपेपर्स एसोसिएशन ।
4. दि नेशनल काउंसिल आफ एडवर्टाइजिंग एजेंसीज ।
5. एडवर्टाइजिंग एजेंसीज एसोसिएशन आफ इंडिया ।

कांग्रेस को भारत सरकार द्वारा प्रायोजित/आयोजित नहीं किया गया था। सम्मेलन में निकले निष्कर्षों को कांग्रेस द्वारा इस मंत्रालय को सूचित नहीं किया गया है ।

#### रेल डक सेवा को समाप्त करना

3509. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रेल डक सेवा को समाप्त करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचारधीन है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके कारण क्या हैं;

(ग) क्या रेल डक सेवा संघों और कर्मचारियों ने ऐसे किसी प्रस्ताव का विरोध किया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकावाना) (क) रेल डक सेवा को समाप्त करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(ख) से (घ) . प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

#### Recruitment of P and T Pensioners in P and T Operative Offices

3510. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is very heavy backlog of vacancies in P&T operative offices;

(b) whether it is a fact that carry over of vacancies and delayed recruitment are also common feature of the administrative offices both in Postal and Telecom. Circles;

(c) whether it a fact that very recently some ad hoc orders have been issued for recruitment of P&T pensioners against the available vacancies in the operative offices only; and

(d) if reply to the above parts be in the affirmative, will Government consider the desirability of filling up temporarily the vacancies in the administrative offices preferably by the pensioners of the administrative offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No proposal is under consideration to fill up temporarily the vacancies in the administrative offices by retired officials of such offices. The extent of vacancies in the Administrative offices is relatively small and steps are being taken to expedite the recruitment of regular staff against the vacancies.

#### Irregular Supply of L.P.G. Cylinders by Dealers

3511. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some dealers of LPG in the Capital turn down re-