

100 Per Cent Electrification in Himachal Pradesh

3529. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any districts/blocks have been identified for 100 per cent electrification by the R.E.C. in the State of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the names thereof and the likely date by which these targets would be achieved as also the present percentage electrification of (i) villages (ii) households in these districts/blocks alongwith the likely expenditure for each area; and

(c) whether the schemes for 100 per cent electrification in respect of all these district/blocks have been sanctioned by R.E. Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Transportation of Coal

3530. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the modes of transportation of coal used in India;

(b) whether any study has been made to transport coal by pipelines as is done in some European countries; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) The following modes of transportation of coal are currently used in India:

1. Rail
2. Road
3. Ropeway

4. Belt Conveyor; and

5. Ships.

(b) and (c). Government has constituted a Working Group to examine the economics of transportation of coal through slurry pipelines. This Working Group has assigned the work relating to preparation of Feasibility Report to M/s. Engineers India Ltd. The Feasibility Report has been accordingly prepared by M/s. Engineers India, and submitted for consideration to the Working Group.

Oil production plan by O.N.G.C.

3531. SHRI MOHAN LAL PATEL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the 10 years perspective for oil production that is reported to have been formulated by the ONGC;

(b) whether any changes have been made by the ONGC in its exploration programme in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to obtain the required additional drilling rigs and heli rigs for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). The ONGC has formulated a conceptual plan frame for accelerated exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons for 1980—90. This conceptual plan frame envisages a total outlay of Rs. 28995 crores. The matter is under examination and details have not been finalised, consequently, the question of implementation does not arise at this stage.

(c) and (d). In view of the reply to part (a) and (b) above, does not arise at this stage.