

Complaints regarding inadequate movement of coal to Thermal Stations

370. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from several States that the movement of coal to thermal stations is inadequate and that it contained high ash content;

(b) if so, the names of such States and whether inadequate movement of coal and its high ash content had affected the power production programme of these States and if so, to what extent; and

(c) what steps have been taken to inquire into all aspects of coal supply to power stations and what efforts have been made to solve the problem of thermal power stations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (c). Government are aware of the problems of high ash content and movement of coal to various thermal power stations. The coal supply position of thermal power stations has been satisfactory for the last one year. The thermal power stations received 44 million tonnes of coal and consumed 43.5 million tonnes of coal during the year 1981-82 registering an increase of 20.20 per cent and 18.24 per cent respectively over the year 1980-81. The coal receipts have further gone up by 13.19 per cent during the period April-August 1982 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year.

Some power stations have received coal with high ash content during the last one year. However, it is difficult to quantify the loss in generation due to high ash content of coal supplied to therm power stations.

The coal supplies in terms of quality and quantity to various thermal power stations, are being continuously monitored. The Govt. of India has recently constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Mohd. Faal, Member Planning Commission to examine, inter-alia, the

requirement of the thermal power stations in qualitative terms and recommend specific measures for improvement.

Coal India facing acute shortage of Mining Engineers

371. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
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Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Limited is facing an acute shortage of mining engineers;

(b) whether a high level technical team is examining ways to tackle such acute shortage; and

(c) if so, when the technical team is likely to submit its report to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

अखबारी कागज के आबंटन की नीति

372. श्री सत्य नारायण जटिया :
क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अखबारी कागज के आबंटन की नीति संबंधी निर्णय करने में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह विलम्ब अखबारी कागज की कमी होने की आशंका के कारण है ;

(ग) क्या देश में अखबारी कागज का उत्पादन आशा के अनुरूप नहीं हो रहा है ;