

alcohol from the respective State Governments and the Department of Food (Sugar Directorate).

(ii) To formulate the inter-State allocations of molasses/alcohol for communication to the respective State Governments.

(iii) To determine at the beginning of the Sugar year, the projected statewise availability of molasses/alcohol for export and to formulate plans for export thereof.

(iv) To keep a watch over the price of molasses in the various States by collection of suitable data and to attempt a uniformity in the rates of various levies imposed by surplus States on alcohol and molasses released to other States.

(c) Yes, Sir. The availability of molasses and alcohol from year to year as well their demand in the States and surplus, if any, for export, are assessed in the meetings of the Central Molasses Board held normally once a year and allocations of molasses and alcohol are made from surplus states to deficit states, based on the discussions in these meetings. The difficulties faced by alcohol consuming industries, particularly, the levies imposed by States on alcohol are also discussed and the States have been requested time and again to reduce the levies so as to promote use of alcohol for production of high value added chemical items.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Film on Jawaharlal Nehru**

288. SHRI KAMAL NATH:

SHRI CHINTAMANJ JENA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shooting of the Indo-Soviet Co-production "Nehru" is to commence shortly;

(b) if so, when the film is likely to be completed; and

(c) what will be the contribution of India in this venture?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):

(a) The shooting of the film has already commenced.

(b) The film is likely to be ready for release by early 1984.

(c) The film is being co-produced on mutually profitable and no-currency exchange basis. Each side will meet all expenses on the production of the film in its own territory. Both the sides will provide their archival materials free of cost. Major part of the shooting will be done in India. Editing and recording will be done in USSR. Almost the entire raw stock required for production of the film will be provided by the Soviet side.

#### **Fire in Jharia coalfields and blocking of Coal**

289. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that underground and some times surface fires numbering as many as 110 in the Jharia coalfields have blocked up 48 million tonnes of previous coking coal which could be used to produce 29 million tonnes of steel, 142 billion units of electricity or energy equivalent to 30 million tonnes of petroleum products;

(b) whether Government have made efforts regarding the scheme to be drawn up for extinguishing these fires; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) to (c): Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Approval of West Bengal's Power Projects**

290. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state: