

(b) if so, whether the Government have also taken steps or propose to take steps to produce new programmes for the education, enlightenment and entertainment of the vast population, proposed to be covered by television; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) It is proposed to establish additional 118 Low Power and 13 High Power Transmitters during Sixth Plan period. These are in addition to the 13 High Power Transmitters already under execution as part of the approved Sixth Plan projects. Thus, by the end of Sixth Plan, TV service is expected to become available to a population of about 70% through 180 TV Transmitters.

(b) and (c) The additional TV transmitters being set up during the Sixth Plan period will, to begin with, relay programmes, including programmes on education, enlightenment and entertainment put out by Doordarshan Kendras, Delhi. At present, programme production facilities are available at Doordarshan Kendras, Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, Lucknow, Srinagar and Jalandhar in addition to the Base Production Centres at Delhi, Hyderabad and Cuttack. Facilities for this purpose have already been augmented at Cuttack and Hyderabad under INSAT TV Utilisation Scheme. For production of more programmes, studio facilities are being provided at Bangalore, Gauhati, Ahmedabad and Trivandrum during VI Plan Period. In addition, editing and capsuling facilities are proposed to be provided at Ranchi, Rajkot, Nagpur and Gorakhpur during this plan period. Govt. has also constituted a Working Group of distinguished persons/communicators to make suitable recommendations on software planning of Doordarshan. The recommendations of this Group are expected to become available in a couple of months.

Supply of Steam Coal to Private Sector Industry

2762. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited has been stopped the supply of steam coal to private sector industry; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL & IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Backlog of SC and ST Engineering India Ltd.

2763. SHRI DHARAM DASS SHASTRI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to reply given to Starred Question No. 131 on 2nd March, 1982 regarding filling up of posts in Engineers India Ltd. reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and state:

(a) the backlog for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes existing under various categories in Engineers India Ltd.

(b) the improvement upon the backlog this year;

(c) the steps taken to improve upon the backlog;

(d) the present position of SC/ST employees as well as total employees category-wise; and

(e) whether there is no one at Managers level and above from SC/ST category, if so, reason for this while other undertakings (EPI, NTPC, STC etc.) have Manager from this category ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM & IN THE MINISTRY OF