

follows :—

Period	Percentage
4-3-82 to 25-6-82	45
26-6-82 to 30-9-82	Nil
1-10-82 to 23-1-82	33.33
24-1-83 to 30-6-83	80-85 (or 50% of the actual consumption during Jan. to June, 82) An additional 4.5 M. Us was allowed from 1-2-83 on further representation to the Chairman, Karnataka Electricity Board.
1-7-83 onwards	25

2. Number of employees in VISL as on date is 11,641.

**Extraction of Bauxite ore from Quarries  
in Bihar**

4816. SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of his Ministry was drawn towards a news item captioned 'Tribals Cynical of CM's promises appearing in Times of India, New Delhi, dated 21st May, 1983 wherein it has been pointed out that continued extraction of bauxite ore from quarries in Lohardaga/Palamau in Bihar has resulted in creation of huge pits as also bauxite ore dust from these quarries having already rendered several hundred acres of cultivable land of tribals unproductive, thereby forcing the poor tribals of the area to migrate to other areas ;

(b) if so, his Ministry's proposals, if any, to enquire into this matter ; and

(c) whether Government will come to the rescue of tribals of the area ; if so, the specific proposals and time frame proposed therefore and if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the State Government of Bihar and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

**"Death of 15 persons due to work-  
Related diseases in Mill"**

4817. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR GOYAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards the news items appearing in 'Indian Express' dated 28 June, 1983 titled "15 die of work-related diseases in Mill" ;

(b) whether it is a fact that inspite of the establishment of Water Pollution Control Board in the States, the deaths and serious diseases are increasing because of effluents discharged by chemical industries into the main source of drinking water ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT