

Kolar Gold Fields Affected by Inadequate Water Supply

1769. SARI S B. SIDNAL : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether inadequate water supply to the shivasamundram Hydel Station has affected the Kolar Gold Fields of the public sector Bharat Gold Mines Limited; and

(b) the steps propose to keep the mines working ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE) : (a) and (b) The power supply from shivasamundram Hydel Station has so far been regular except a 50 percent cut imposed in the month of June, 1983. The State Government of Karnataka, however, wrote to Bharat Gold Mines Ltd. about former's intention to divert a portion of water going to shivasamundram for power generation, for the purposes of irrigation: and thereby reducing 25 HZ power supply to Bharat Gold Mines Ltd. Since this would have had a very adverse affect on the production and finances of the Company, the Central Government requested the state Government of Karnataka not to take any such step till such time as alternative arrangements to convert the 50 HZ power to 25 HZ frequency were made, which is required for the equipment and machinery installed at Kolar Gold Field Mines. The State Government has appreciated the Central Government's anxiety in this matter but has reiterated that Bharat Gold Mines Ltd. should make arrangements to be able to receive and use 50 Hz power instead of relying on 25 Hz power from shivasamundram. The Central Government is examining the feasibility and timing of frequency conversion arrangements.

Release of Maruti Cars

1770. SHRI M. RAMMANNA RAI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Management of Maruti

Industries originally promised to release the cars to its customers in all the State capitals and Delhi simultaneously but the company released the cars only in Delhi and Bombay; the reasons for this change;

(b) the total number of cars the company released to the customers till 31st January, 1984; and

(c) the total number of cars the management released out of its discretionary quota and to whom ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) The company is progressively activising dealer net-work in phase throughout the country in accordance with the criginal Plans.

(b) 333 cars were released to customers till 31.1.1984.

(c) : Eight cars were released from directors' discretionary quota till 31.1.1984 in accordance with the criteria for such allotments.

Sophisticated Machines lying Idle in C.F.R.I.

1771. SHRI A.K. ROY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Patna based daily Indian Nation of 31 January, 1984 under the caption "Sophisticated machines lying idle in CFRI": and

(b) if so, facts in details about machinery lying idle and steps taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVETOPMENT. (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details about the seven items of

equipment/machinery mentioned in the News item are given below :

Name of Equipment/machinery (Month in which received in CFRI)	Present position and action taken to utilise the item
(1) GC MASS SPECTROMETER (Sept 82')	Installed and working.
(2) ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTRO-PHOTOMETER (Feb 83')	Installed and working.
(3) FT NMR SPECTROMETER (March 82')	Not yet installed. To eliminate minutest voltage fluctuation in power supply, isolation transformer has just been procured to bring it into operation.
(4) AUTOMATIC SURFACE AREA ANALYSER(Sept. 82')	Not yet installed Two essential components have just arrived at Calcutta and are under clearance at the Port.
(5) AUTOMATIC ELEMENTAL ANALYSER (Jan. '82)	Installation not yet complete due to non-receipt of certain essential items. Action being taken to procure them.
(6) X-RAY FLUOROSCENCE SPECTROMETER (April' 83)	Not yet unpacked. Laboratory room being fitted with Air-conditioners and specified flooring provided for installation of the equipment.
(7) EQUIPMENT FOR NEUTRON ACTIVATION ANALYSIS	Equipment arrived at Calcutta Airport towards end of January 84.' Under clearance at the Port. Proposed to be transferred to National Chemical Laboratory, Poona.

The bottleneck in continuous operation of such sophisticated research equipments is the frequent interruption of power supply in the coalfield area. Action is being taken to install diesel generators to ensure regular electric supply.