

(c) The allotment of SAX units to Telecommunication Circle is done based on their sanctioned works. The projected demand against sanctioned works, allotment made and quantity supplied to each Circle

during 1983-84 is given in the statement attached.

(d) M/s. I.T.I. have been requested to step up the production of 25-line SAXs.

Statement

1983-84—25 lines SAX

Name of Circle	Projected demand as per sanctioned work	Allotted	Supplied upto 31-3-1984
1. Andhra Pradesh	12	12	12
2. Bihar	10	10	10
3. Gujarat	14	14	14
4. J. & K.	4	4	4
5. Karnataka	74	58	58
6. Kerala	5	5	5
7. Madhya Pradesh	51	51	51
8. Maharashtra	21	31	23
9. North East	20	20	20
10. North West	52	52	39
11. Orissa	19	19	19
12. Rajasthan	50	50	37
13. Tamil Nadu	22	22	22
14. U.P.	50	50	46
15. West Bengal	25	25	17
		423	377

Plan for development of Asansol-Raniganj Coalfield

1285. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a 'Master Plan' giving

methodology and approach for the development of Asansol-Raniganj coalfield has been prepared by the Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Ltd. (CMPDIL);

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof and the capital outlay involved therein;

(c) how far it will result in the increased output of coal in this belt; and

(d) the time it will take to implement it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (d) A document titled "An Approach to Master Plan for Raniganj Coalfield" has been prepared by the Central Mine Planning Design Institute. This document has been prepared on the basis of a quick initial study. It only gives a broad outlines like tentative estimates of coal reserves, assessment of production, mining technology, planning and exploration needs and other infrastructure required for development of this coalfield. The actual Master Plan for the Raniganj coalfield is yet to be prepared for which the work has been taken up.

Flaring of Gas at Oil Wells and Plants

1286. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and value of gas being flared off per year at each oil well and plant;

(b) the steps being taken to minimise this waste;

(c) the quantity of gas used per year as fertiliser feedstock;

(d) whether there is any proposal for its diversion to general public for cooking purposes; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGY SHANKAR MISHRA) : (a) Information regarding the quantity of gas flared at each well and plant is not readily available. However, the quantity and value of gas flared during the last four years for which figures are available, are given below :

Year	Qty. of gas flared (Million Cubic Metres)	National value of gas flared (Crores of Rs.)
1979-80	955	39.90
1980-81	760	37.15
1981-82	1520	65.40
1982-83	1895	82.75

(b) The Government have initiated a number of steps to minimise flaring of Offshore gas, such as augmentation of the compression facilities and completion of gas-based fertilizer plant at Thal in 1985. A group has been constituted to study the potential for better offtake of gas by existing users, identification of new users, setting up of a gas grid in Assam and reinjection of excess gas into suitable gas caps for pressure maintenance and conservation of energy.

(c) Approximately 285 million cubic metres of gas has been used as fertilizer feedstock during 1983-84.

(d) and (e) Natural gas as such cannot be bottled in LPG cylinders.

Utilization of expended capacity of Soda Ash by M/s. Tata Chemicals Limited

1287. SHRI R.P. DAS : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Tata Chemicals Ltd, was granted a licence in December, 1973 to expand their capacity by 1.40 lakh tonnes raising their installed capacity to five lakh tonnes;

(b) whether the company has gone on stream for the expanded capacity;

(c) if not, how the company has produced 4.48 lakh tonnes of soda ash in 1983; and