

Exploration of coal reserves in Ib-River Valley

1291. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Orissa Government had requested the Coal India Limited to exploit the vast coal reserves in the Ib river valley in the State; and

(b) if so, the stage at which the matter stands and how long it will take to make coal available for utilization by the proposed captive power station projects in Orissa which are in the offing as there is at present an acute power shortage in this State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) The responsibility for exploration and development of coal rests with the Central Government. Keeping in view the demand of coal the actual exploration and development is undertaken through agencies and undertakings of the Central Government. The question of commencing exploitation of coal at the instance of any State Government including Orissa, therefore, does not arise.

The question of linkage of coal for thermal stations including captive ones is considered and decided by a Special Linkage Committee which includes the representatives of Department of Coal, Central Electricity Authority and Planning Commission. Proposal are cleared by this Committee taking into account inter-alia the requirement of power, availability of coal and mode of transport of coal from the mines to the power stations.

In the Ib valley coalfield, exploration is in progress for assessing the extent of the coal reserves for exploitation, A new mine viz. Lajkura with a capacity of 1 million tonnes per year is under development in this coalfield.

Applications for New Telephone Connections

1292. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications for new telephone connections pending as on 31st March, 1984;

(b) the number of connections likely to be released during the year 1984-85;

(c) whether it is a fact that Sarin Committee has recommended that the waiting lists should be cleared by 1985 and the Government has accepted it; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to implement it ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL) : (a) The number of applications for new telephone connections pending on 31st March, 1984 was 7.37 lakhs.

(b) The number of connections likely to be provided during 1984-85 is 2.5 lakhs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) It is proposed to clear all backlog by 1990.

Export of Crude Oil

1293. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether crude oil is being exported from India to other countries;

(b) if so, the quality and quantity exported during the years 1982-83 and 1983-84 and to which country;

(c) whether it is a fact that the crude oil is being exported by private agencies; and

(d) if so, the method adopted for gran-

ting licences to private agencies for exporting crude and the names of the agencies which were permitted to export crude oil during the year 1982-83 and 1983-84 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The following quantities of Bombay High crude oil were exported during 1982-83 and 1983-84 —

Year	Quantity in Million Tonnes
1982-83	4.351
1983-84	4.986

The name of the parties who purchased Bombay High crude oil from India during 1982-83 and 1983-84 are given in the statement attached.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Question does not arise in view of (c) above.

Statement

1982-83

Name of the Party	Quantity (in '000 MTs)
1. TWO, Bermuda	2938
2. Tradinaft, Switzerland	1016
3. SITCO, London	69
4. Petronor, Spain	170
5. PRI, Singapore	35
6. Gulf, Singapore	123
Total :	4351

1983-84

Name of the Party	Quantity (in '000 MTs)
1. SITCO, London	813
2. Gulf, Singapore	208
3. TWO, Bermuda	612
4. Bhibro, Switzerland	530
5. Champlin, USA	418
6. Attock, London	1099
7. C. Itoh, Japan	320
8. Coastal, Bermuda	922
9. Rock Oil, Singapore	64
Total :	4986

Cancellation of trains due to short supply of coal

1294. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the short supply of coal to the railways, a large number of trains are being cancelled off and on in the country, particularly in Western Zones;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the short supply of coal to the railways; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to improve the supply of coal to the railways ?

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

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Earnings through commercial service of AIR and Doordarshan

1295. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :

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

(a) the details of the earnings from All