

near future regarding the boundary in the historical waters between India and Sri Lanka between the Palk Straits and Adam's Bridge".

#### Black-marketing in Coal

7207 SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI:  
SHRI P. GANGADEB:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported in the Press that Coal business is thriving in black-market; and

(b) if so, whether he is also aware that there is an acute shortage of steam coal in the country, particularly in Amritsar and Jullundur?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): (a) There have been reports of shortage of coal in some parts of the country and of some unscrupulous traders taking undue advantage of the situation.

(b) During the recent months the movement of coal to Punjab has not been upto the sponsored quota primarily due to disturbed industrial relations on the Railways.

Feasibility report of oil from coal by Engineering Projects (India) Ltd.

7208. SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY:  
Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Engineering Projects (India) Limited will prepare a feasibility report to produce oil from coal; and

(b) if so, when this report is likely to be ready and the broad outlines thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Import of machinery for Salem Steel Plant

7209. SHRI A. K. KOTRASHETTI:  
Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the value of machinery imported for Salem Steel Project for its early execution; and

(b) whether similar imports are planned for Vijayanagar Steel Plant in Karnataka?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): (a) No machinery has so far been imported for the Salem Steel Project.

(b) The question of importing equipment for the Vijayanagar Steel Plant would be examined after the Detailed Project Report is received and a view is taken on the items of equipment which can be obtained from indigenous sources.

#### Orders placed with BHEL by Mysore Power Corporation

7210. SHRI A. K. KOTRASHETTI:  
Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of orders placed for generators with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited by Mysore Power Corporation;

(b) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited will be able to supply them as per schedule; and

(c) if not, whether the import of these key generators will be allowed by Government of India?