

(d) Utilisation of iron and steel for any purpose other than that for which it has been allocated or applied for has been made a penal offence punishable under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 Regional Offices of the Iron and Steel Controller have been set up to check on proper utilisation of allocated iron and steel materials

**Fire Incidents in Bihar—West Bengal Coal Fields**

1299 SHRI M S PURTY Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) the number of fire incidents during the last four years in Bihar-West Bengal coalfields and the loss of coal as a result thereof, and

(b) the amount spent so far to tackle the incidents of fire in these coal fields during the last three years'

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA) (a) The number of fire incidents during the last four years in Bihar and West Bengal coalfields and the estimated loss of coal as a result are

<i>West Bengal</i>	82 Incidents
Estimated loss of coal	863250 tonnes

<i>Bihar.</i>	77 Incidents.
Estimated loss of coal	806000 tonnes

(b) The actual expenditure incurred by the Coal Board for the last four years is Rs 19,66,221 86 This is not the total amount as it does not include the amount spent by the collieries' management who did not seek assistance from Coal Board for small fires and fires resulting from collieries' own negligence but it is only the amount spent directly by the Coal Board and on assistance for protective works against mine fires

ईरान और इराक के बीच विवादों को सुलझाने के लिए भारत की मध्यस्थता

1300. श्री श्रीकृष्ण सप्रवाल क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 13 मई, 1974 के स्थानीय अग्रेजी दैनिक में ईरान और इराक के बीच विवादों को सुलझाने के लिए भारत की मध्यस्थता के बारे में प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है, और

(ख) यदि हा तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेन्द्र बाल सिंह) (क) और (ख) जी हा। सरकार ने 13 मई 1974 के नई दिल्ली से जारी टाइम्स आफ इंडिया में इम आक्षय की एक रिपोर्ट देखी है कि ईरान और इराक के बीच कई विवादों को सुलझाने के लिए भारत मध्यस्थता कर रहा है। यह रिपोर्ट बिल्कुल मध्यस्थता बबुनियाद है, भारत सरकार एसी कोई नहीं कर रही है।

**Purchase of Shares by Government in Hindustan Motors**

1301 SHRI S A MURUGANANTHAM Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 9674 on the 9th May, 1974 regarding purchase of shares by Government in Hindustan Motors and state

(a) whether Government have bought the shares in Hindustan Motors, and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) Not yet, Sir

(b) Does not arise