

अवस्थों के उपभोग स्तर में वृद्धि होगी।

Working of Raniganj Collieries

2214. SHRI P. GANGADEB;
SHRI D. D. DESAI;
SHRI RAGHUNANDANLAL
BHATIA;
SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI;
SHRI R. N. BARMAN:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether many Raniganj collieries have become unsafe for working and are still working under unsafe conditions;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether mining work has been suspended in any of these collieries; if so, the total loss incurred in production; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Report of Inter-Ministerial Committee on Coal Prices

2215. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA
GOWDA;
SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH;
SHRI B. S. BHAURA;
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE
SHARMA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2377 on the 27th November, 1974 regarding increase in coal price and state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a high-level inter-ministerial

committee to recommend a reasonable price for coal in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted an interim report;

(c) if so, the main features thereof; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (d). An Inter-Ministerial Committee was constituted on 8th January, 1975 to consider the question of revision of pit-head prices of different varieties of coal and coke keeping in view, among other things, the financial implications of the increase in the wages of the workers of coal mines with effect from 1-1-1975 and escalation in the cost of other inputs for the production of coal. The Committee has not yet submitted its report.

Shortage of Coal

2216. SHRI E. R. KRISHNAN;
SHRI R. P. ULAGANAMBI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of coal in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the action taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (c). As a result of the concerted and coordinated efforts made to provide the required inputs, including power and to overcome certain bottlenecks including rail transport, coal production has picked up and in recent months there has been no acute shortage of coal for most of the consumers in the country.