

(e) the reasons for delay in providing employment to the remaining scientists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Up to 14th March, 1975, 8353 Scientists, 7483 Engineers, 1189 Technologists and 3877 Doctors enrolled themselves in the Indian, Abroad Section of the National Register of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in which registration is voluntary.

(b) During the last one year 543, of those registered, were offered appointment in the Scientists' Pool. During the year 304 got regular employment leaving the Pool and 333 were continuing as Pool Officers.

(c) The cases of all those registered in the Indian, Abroad Section of the National Register, who do not hold an employment in India, are considered for selection to the Scientists' Pool two months ahead of their return to India. Persons not well-qualified are not selected to the Pool. The absorption of Pool Officers in regular posts depends upon:—

- (i) Vacancy in the field of specialisation,
- (ii) normal recruitment procedures of employing agencies; and
- (iii) personal preferences of the Scientists concerned.

Additional production of coal in next year

4098 **SHRI B. S. BHAURA:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government expects additional production of coal for the next year; and

(b) if so, what is the basis of this optimism?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). The expected coal production during 1974-75 is 88 million tonnes as compared to the production of 78 million tonnes in 1973-74. The production is showing a steady upward trend during the past six months. On the basis of this trend as well as the advance action taken to provide the equipment, spares and expertise, the improvement in the availability of power and rail transport and the co-operation which has been forthcoming from the workers, it is expected that the coal production during 1975-76 will be higher by another 10 million tonnes

Self sufficiency in nuclear fuel and Indianisation of nuclear know-how and technology

4099. **SHRI M. S. PURTY:** Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state the efforts so far made by Government to attain self-sufficiency in nuclear fuel and Indianisation of nuclear know-how and technology?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF SPACE, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): The fuel required for the Tarapur Atomic Power Station is slightly enriched uranium oxide. The raw material, i.e., enriched uranium hexa-fluoride is being imported and further fabrication to finished fuel is carried out at the Nuclear Fuel Complex, Hyderabad. Our nuclear power programme does not envisage the setting up of further nuclear power plants using slightly enriched uranium as fuel. However, work on development of uranium enrichment technology has also been initiated at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre.