

**रेलवे में कोयले की चोरी**

584. श्री मूल चन्द्र झापा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1973 और 1974 में रेलवे में कितने (टनों में) तथा किन्ती कामत के कोयले की चोरी हुई;

(ख) क्या आपातकाल की घोषणा के पश्चात कोयले की चोरी की घटनाओं में कमी हुई है, और

(ग) यदि हा, तो आपातकाल की घोषणा के बाद कुल कितने (टनों में) तथा किन्तने मूल्य के कोयले की चोरी हुई ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह) :

(क) से (ग). सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और मभा-पटल पर रजिस्ट्री जायगा।

**Offshore and Onshore Oil Prospecting in Eastern India**

585. SHRI SAMAR GUHA. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil prospecting proved successful and helpful in the offshore and onshore regions of Eastern India;

(b) if so, facts thereabout; and

(c) the findings of prospecting oil in West Bengal including offshore and onshore drilling?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI): (a) to (c). In onshore regions of Eastern India, hydrocarbons have been discovered at a number of places in Assam. The crude oil produced therefrom during 1974-75 was 3.81 million tonnes, and it is expected to be 4.2 million tonnes during the current year. In addition to Assam, exploratory drilling is in progress in West

Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura. In offshore areas in this region, a well is being drilled in the Bay of Bengal. In Tripura, natural gas has been found in the first exploratory well. The results of exploration in the other onshore areas as well as in the offshore areas would be known after the wells are completed and tested.

**Virar-Sabarmati Electrification Project**

586. SHRI P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Virar-Sabarmati electrification project has been completed,

(b) if so, the total cost thereof; and

(c) whether the said new electrification will reduce the running time of the fast/express trains running between Ahmedabad and Bombay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes

(b) Approximately Rs 35.33 crores

(c) Yes

**Scheme to provide Free Legal Aid to the Poor**

587. SHRI P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the scheme to provide free legal assistance to the economically poor sections of the community; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (DR. V. A. SEYID MUHAMMED):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**New Oil Sources found in Coastal Regions**

**588. SHRI P. G. MAVALANKAR:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether new oil fields/sources have been found in and around the coastal regions of the country during the year 1975; and

(b) if so, broad features thereof?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Pruning of Allocation for New Railway Lines by Planning Commission**

**589. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry's allocation for new lines for 1975-76 has been pruned sharply by the Planning Commission; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH):** (a) and (b). The Planning Commission could indicate a total allotment of Rs. 19.0 crores in 1975-76 for construction of new railway lines on account of the severe constraint of resources.

**Self-Sufficiency in Drugs, Antibiotics and Surgical Instruments**

**590. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:** Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position with regard to attaining self-sufficiency in drugs, antibiotics and surgical instruments and steps being taken in the direction of earning foreign exchange by exporting them; and

(b) steps taken to ensure that Hospitals, Defence services and other public institutions give preference to public sector products as compared to private sector or foreign ones?

**THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI):** (a) The growth of the drugs and pharmaceutical industry in India and the increase in exports of drugs may be seen in the following statement:

Year	Production	Year	Exports
	Rs. crores		Rs. cross
1963	120	1963-64	2.0
1973	370	1973-74	37.54
1974	400	1974-75	43.13

All efforts are made to increase the production of bulk drugs and formulations thereof and during the year 1975, 80 licences/letters of intent have been issued to firms for the manufac-

ture of both bulk drugs and formulations. Production in the public sector drug plants including Surgical Instruments Plant are also increasing and during the first eight months of