

section Dehar-Bilaspur-Mandi are affected by this power Parallels. These circuits include the following:—

1. Simla-Dharmasala 3-Channel carrier system.
2. Simla-Mandi 8-channel carrier system.
3. Simla-Bilaspur 3 channel carrier system.
4. Bilaspur-Sundernagar carrier system.
5. Bilaspur-Ghumarwin SAX trunk circuit.
6. Bilaspur-Dehar and Bilaspur-Jhandutta P.C.O. trunk circuits:
7. Nagal-Sundernagar speech circuit leased to Punjab Electricity Board.
8. Simla-Bilaspur -Sundernagar-Mandi-Kulu Telegraph circuits.
9. Bilaspur-Jhandutta -Ghumarwin-Berthin-Lehri Sarai.Hatwar Telegraph circuits.
10. A small portion of the Bilaspur local telephone system.

The proposed alternative arrangements are:—

1. Microwave circuits between Simla and Mandi and shifting of Simla-Dharmasala and Simla-Mandi carrier system to work as Mandi-Dharmasala and Mandi-Sundernagar system.
2. U.H.F. system between Simla and Bilaspur.
3. Provision of four S 4 DX systems from Mandi to Simla, Bilaspur, Kulu and Sundernagar.
4. Erection of new line between Hamirpur and Ghumarwin and erection of new wires
5. Rearrangement of trunk and Telegraph circuits in the area.
6. Laying of Screened cable in the affected area of Bilaspur local telephone system.

7. Disconnection of affected lines.

(d) After the power authorities agree to pay the cost of making the alternative arrangements, the new works will be taken upon on priority.

(e) The estimated cost of all the rearrangement works is Rs. 39,07,000 which will have to be provided by the Power Project authorities.

#### Expansion of Tata's Coal Mines

2483. SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA:  
SHRI RAM BHAGAT  
PASWAN:

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

(a) whether Government have approved the Tata's expansion plan for their coal mines; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) and (b) Tata Iron and Steel Company Limited have recently submitted an application for grant of industrial licence for substantial expansion of their West Bokaro Colliery from the present licensed capacity of 0.7 million tonnes of raw coal a year to 2.5 million tonnes a year. The proposal is under the consideration of the Government.

#### Cooperation between Upper Volta and India

2484. SHRIMATI ROZA DESHPANDE:

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:  
SHRI M. RAM GOPAL  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum of understanding on economic, technical