

working at present in the country; and

(b) the number of additional washeries proposed to be set up during the remaining period of the Third Plan and their location?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) At present seven coal washeries are working in the country. They are Jamadoba, West Bokaro, Lodna, Kargali, Durgapur, Dugda No. 1 and Bhojudih.

(b) Besides the expansion of two washeries at Kargali and Bhojudih, five more coal washeries are expected to be completed during the remaining period of the Third Plan. These are Patherdih, Dugda No. II, Kathara, Karanpura and Swang. All of them are in Bihar.

Private Sector Steel Plants

799. Shri Yashpal Singh: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 252 on the 23rd August, 1963 and state:

(a) whether a final decision has since been taken regarding the scheme of the expansion of private sector steel plants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). Preliminary reports on expansions of the private sector steel works in the Fourth Plan period have been considered. The product-mix and the methods of financing the expansions are expected to be settled shortly after which final decision about their expansions will be taken.

Industrial Licences granted to Birla Firms

800. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Industrial licences granted to Birlas in 1963 to set up various units;

(b) whether this was more than what was granted in 1962; and

(c) how it compared with other business houses?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (c). Separate statistics in respect of industrial licences issued in 1963 to big business houses including the House of Birlas have not yet been compiled. However, particulars of all licences issued, from time to time, under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, are published in the two weeklies "Bulletin of Industrial Licences, Import Licences, and Export Licences" and the "Indian Trade Journal", and also in the monthly "Journal of Industry and Trade", copies of which are available in the Library of the House.

Production of Transformers

**801. { Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Umanath:**

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of Transformers has increased in Heavy Electricals Ltd., Bhopal;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) how it compares with production in 1962?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The output of transformers was 80 MVA for the period 1st April to 10th November 1962; the output during the corresponding period in 1963 is 443 MVA.