

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) During 1995-96, 617211 MTs of wheat valued at Rs. 360.90 Crores at a unit price realisation of Rs. 5847.27 per MT (US \$ 175.27 per MT, conversion rate 1\$=Rs. 33.36) was exported.

(b) It is not possible to accurately compare the prices prevailing in the international and domestic markets on account of different varieties traded, variations in quality, and additional expenditure incurred in grading and packaging for exports.

(c) to (g). Do not arise.

[Translation]

#### Production of Coal

1224. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of coal mines in the country. State-wise.

(b) whether sufficient coal is being extracted from these mines.

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to close those mines which are not producing coal of good quality and in sufficient quantity.

(d) if so, the details of those mines; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to extract more and of good quality coal from these mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) The Statewise number of coal mines under Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company Limited in the country are as under :-

States	Number of Mines	
	CIL	SCCL
Bihar	183	
West Bengal	111	
Madhya Pradesh	136	
Uttar Pradesh	4	
Maharashtra	49	
Orissa	20	
Assam	6	
Meghalaya	1	
Andhra Pradesh	--	71
Total	510	71

(b) Coal is being extracted from these mines as per the production programme.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. Coal mines are closed only on the ground of exhaustion of reserves.

(e) The steps taken to increase production of coal from working mines are as under

- (i) rationalisation and amalgamation of mines to form more viable units;
- (ii) formulation and implementation of various schemes and projects to augment coal production;
- (iii) implementation of cost saving and quality control measures;
- (iv) implementation of measures for improved capacity utilisation of equipments.
- (v) imparting training to workes and staff for skill upgradation; and
- (vi) adoption of latest technology in the areas of production, quality control and communication.

[English]

#### Rise in Coffee Price

1225. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a sharp increase in the prices of coffee;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor.

(c) the steps taken to regulate and arrest the faster and frequent rise of coffee prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise in view of above.

#### Under Invoicing Export

1226. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are losing thousands of crores of rupees every year on account of wrong declaration of origin in expensive products and their under invoicing by foreign suppliers.

(b) if so, whether such malpractices and frauds by exporters/importers have come to the notice of the Government;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to improve in the working methods for customs administrations to nab the importers/exporters declaring under invoicing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?