

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Mining Operation by Western Coal Field Ltd.

4329. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Western Coal Fields Ltd. as started mining operations at a site near an ordnance factory in Chandipur in violation of established guidelines;

(b) if so, there reasons for permitting mining operation in violation of guidelines; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to stop it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) No, Sir. As per the guidelines issued by the Director General of Mines Safety, the blasting safety zone required around an opencast mine is 500 metres. Nearest mines of Western Coal fields Ltd., namely Chargaon OC (operations started in 1992-93), Telwasa OC and Dhorwasa OC (operations yet to start) are approximately 7 Kms. away from the boundary of ordnance factory, Chandrapur. Another mine namely Bhatadih OC (operations started in 1995-96) is about 9 kms. away from the boundary of the ordnance factory.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Production Rate of Coal

4330. SHRI SURENDRA YADAV :
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the per-labourer, per shift average rate of coal production in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether there is a vast difference between the rate of underground coal production and that of open cast mines;

(c) if so, the average rates of production thereof separately; and

(d) the production rate of other coal producing

countries such as Australia and America ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There is a difference between average rate of coal production from underground and opencast mines in CIL and SCCL. The average figures of output per manshift (OMS) of underground and opencast mines of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. (SCCL) for the last three years are as under :-

	CIL			SCCL		
	UG	OC	Overall (OMS)	UG	OC	Overall (OMS)
1993-94	0.56	4.00	1.52	0.71	4.38	1.05
1994-95	0.57	4.36	1.54	0.69	3.63	1.08
1995-96	0.56	4.73	1.77	0.74	3.66	1.23

(d) Based on the available figures of 1992, the OMS of underground and opencast mines of Australia and USA is as under :

	(In tonnes)	
	Underground	Opencast
Australia	15.60	34.68
USA	18.00	40.20

Licence for Foreign Transaction

4331. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for requesting grant of licence to NABARD by the Reserve bank of India to undertake foreign exchange transactions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the proposal is likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Export of Dairy Items

4332. SHRI NITISH BHARADWAJ : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether dairy items are being exported from the country at present;

(b) if so, the details of the dairy items being exported and the names of the countries to which these items exported during the current year;

(c) the foreign exchange earned therefor during the above period;

(d) whether any multinational companies is involved in such exports; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, company-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the current year skimmed milk, whole milk food for babies and other kinds of milk and cream containing fat exceeding 6% by weight; skimmed milk, whole milk, milk for babies in powder granules/other solid forms, butter, melted butter (ghee), fresh cheese, and other kinds of cheese were exported from India to Bahrain, Bangladesh, Canada, France, Ghana, Hong Kong, Italy, Kuwait, Nepal, Netherlands, Oman, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, UAE, U.K. and U.S.A.

(c) During 1996-97 (April-August), the value of exports of dairy items from India was Rs. 530.00 lakhs.

(d) The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has not issued any Registration-cum-Allocation Certificate (RCAC) to multinational companies for export of milk powder, butter and ghee for which ceilings have been fixed by the Government for export.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Incentives for setting up Agro Based Industry

4333. SHRI HANSRAJ AHIR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are taking any concrete measures to ensure self employment to the rural youths;

(b) if so, whether the Government are providing any incentives to set up agro based industries;

(c) if so, the types of incentives being offered in this regard;

(d) whether the Government are planning to impose a ban on setting up agro based industries by multinational

companies and big industrial Houses in the country; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Agro-based industry is one of the village industries being promoted by KVIC. KVIC has taken a number of steps to develop agro-based industry in the country such as providing financial assistance in the form of grant and loan on the basis of projects submitted by its implementing agencies, such as registered institutions, cooperative societies, state KVI Boards and individual entrepreneurs. In order to boost the production of these industries and to provide gainful employment to the rural artisans, KVIC has launched national programme in respect of some of the village industries. One such industry is beekeeping which is an agro-based industry.

The KVIC in collaboration with North Eastern Council has sanctioned a regional project on development of Agriculture for commercial exploitation in North Eastern region. KVIC has taken up some special schemes such as 125 Blocks Development Programme and District Special Employment programme in backward areas under which also agro-based industries are being implemented. Under KVIC training programme, it imparts training in various village industries including agro-based activities. Under project approach, projects costing upto Rs. 10.00 lakhs are eligible for 25 per cent margin money initially, in the form of interest free loan and after repayment of C.E. loan with interest, the same will be converted into grant. The project costing beyond Rs. 10.00 lakhs and upto Rs. 25.00 lakhs are eligible for margin money at the rate of 25 per cent for first Rs. 10.00 lakhs and for remaining amount at the rate of 10 per cent of the balance. In case of Hill Boarder, Tribal and Weaker Section areas, SC, ST, OBC/MINORITY, SEMFEX-III and Women beneficiaries the project upto Rs. 10.00 lakhs will get 30 per cent margin money. Apart from KVIC's financial assistance, funds are also provided through institutional financial agencies on the basis of interest subsidy eligibility certificate, under which the implementing agencies bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum and difference of the interest charged by bank is being subsidised by KVIC.

(d) and (e) Agro-based industries are open to any entrepreneur who fulfils the requirements under the licensing procedure.

Social Residential Schemes by LIC and GIC

4334. SHRI SOHAN BEER : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :