

on underground mines.

[English]

- (ii) Improvement in availability and utilisation of equipment by providing adequate workshop support, improved management of spares and timely rehabilitation of equipment.
- (iii) Improved manpower planning including redeployment of surplus workers and restricting the intake of new employees against vacancies caused by natural wastage.
- (iv) Economy in the consumption of spares and various other inputs by improving blasting efficiency, power factor and improved inventory control.
- (v) Improved monitoring of cost reduction measures.
- (vi) Efforts are being made to reduce the total outstandings against major consumers like State Electricity Boards.
- (vii) A number of systems improvement and managerial measures have been adopted to improve efficiency of operations.
- (viii) Efforts towards reorganisation of existing mines to improve productivity.

(d) As a result of these efforts man and machine productivity in Coal India Limited has improved during the last few years and consequently Coal India Limited have earned a profit of Rs. 80.13 crores during 1989-90.

Complaints Against LPG Agencies In Outer Delhi

1905. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints against LPG agencies regarding alleged malpractices in Outer Delhi especially from Meera Bagh, Sunder Vihar, Peeragarhi, Jwalahedi and Punjabi Bagh in this regard;

(b) if so, action taken thereon; and

(c) the steps taken to safeguard the interest of the consumers against such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) to (c). All complaints received against the LPG distributors are investigated and wherever established appropriate action, ranging from issuing of warning letters to even termination of distributorship, it taken in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and Distributorship Agreements, During the year 1990 (upto November) 7 complaints have been established so far against LPG agencies operating in Outer Delhi. Regular and surprise checks are carried out by the field staff of LPG Marketing Oil companies to check malpractices.

Power Station in Salempur in U.P.

1906. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether 132 K.V. power station in Salempur in Uttar Pradesh is ready to be