

due to the delay in coal supply, the power supply, stations of West Bengal under West Bengal State Electricity Board are facing serious difficulties;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to provide relief; and

(c) the actual requirement of coal for West Bengal State Electricity Board run units in West Bengal during 1983-84 and 1984-85 and how much was supplied ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :

(a) to (c). There were two major power stations, viz., Bandel and Santaldih with the West Bengal State Electricity Board during 1983-84. The third power station at Kolaghat came into operation during 1984-85. The linkages provided by the Standing Linkage Committee, the suppliss, and the actual consumption of coal by these power stations during 1983-84 and 1984-85 are given below :

(in lakh tonnes)

Year	Linkage	Supply	Consumption
1983-84	23.64	17.98	16.99
1984-85	33.00	20.52 (Prov.)	18.58

The linkages have not materialised in full due to the following reasons :—

- (i) The actual requirement being less than the linkages;
- (ii) Inadequate facilities at the power stations for handling of coal wagons which resulted in inadequate release of wagons;
- (iii) Inadequate supplies of wagons by the Railways;
- (iv) Restrictions imposed by the West Bengal State Electricity Board on coal despatches, due to inadequate availability of funds with West Bengal State Electricity Board; and
- (v) Delay in the commissioning of the crushers at Kolaghat power station due to which the power station could consume, till now, only washery middlings, the availability of which is limited.

In the recent past there has been no complaint about the quality of coal supplied to the power stations of W.B.S.E.E. As regards quantity, with the commissioning of the crushers of Kolaghat TPS, linkage of middlings will be restored to Santaldih TPS. Besides, Eastern Coalfields Ltd. have started offering coal in rakes of 70 boyes to Santandih TPS, to increase the supplies to this power station. Supplies will be made to meet the full requirements of the power stations of West Bengal State Electricity Board, provided the power stations release the wagons promptly, and do not impose any restrictions on account of financial constraints.

Import of Tractors from Soviet Union

*707. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to import tractors from Soviet Union;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether such import would not affect the indigenous production-sale of tractors adversely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Credit Renewal to Mauritius

*708. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be please to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to renew its line of credit to Mauritius in the current financial year;

(a) if so, the amount of credit proposed to be sanctioned to Mauritius during the current financial year; and

(c) the purpose for which the credit is going to be granted to Mauritius and in what form ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). During the visit of the Prime Minister of Mauritius to India in April, 1985, it has been agreed in principle that the