- (c) and (d) Some representations from workers & employees on this subject have been received. Government have carefully considered various options and kept the interests of the employees and workers in view, to the extent possible, in arriving at this decision in the overall interest of the economy.
 - (e) No, Sir.

[Translation]

Singarauli coal for Dams and Thermal power projects of Madhya Pradesh

- *i13. SHRI KEYUR BHUSHAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether coal is not being allotted to dams and thermal power projects in Madhya Pradesh by Singrauli Coal Mines;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if not, since when the a'lotment of coal was started and the quantity of coal allotted so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C.K. JAFFAR SHARIFF): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Vindhyachal Power Station in Madhya Pradesh has been sanctioned a linkage of 25000 tonnes per month with effect from August, 1987 which was increased to 50000 tonnes per month with effect from October, 1987. The power station has, however, not availed the linkages sanctioned so far, but has been drawing its coal requirement from the stocks of Singrauli STPS.

[English]

Loss in Postal Services

*114. SHRI PARASRAM BHARD. WAJ:

> SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA-MURTY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-TIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government sustained loss from the sale of post cards, registered articles, money orders, letters and parcels during 1984-85 and 1985-86; and
 - (b) if so, to what extent, item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) A Statement is given below.

Statement

The Profit/Loss sustained on these services during 1984-85 and 1985-86 is as follows:

Gain (+)/Loss (-) in Crores of Rupees

	1984-85	1985-86
Post Cards	(—) 38.72	() 44.41
Registration	() 43.48	() 57.04
Money Orders	(—) 29.05	(—) 31.68
Letters	(+) 00.73	() 08.21
Parcles	() 05.73	(+) 00.23