THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). On 3-7-1980 an accident occurred at Gopalichuk Colliery in Bihar, as a result of roof fall, resulting in the death of 4 persons and injury to 8 chers.

Written Answers

## Orders for Power Protection Relays and Equipment

\*857. SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) is it a fact that nearly ninety per cent of all orders from the electric power generating and distributing agencies of Government for power protection relays and equipment are being placed on a foreignowned multinational company while Indian owned manufacturers are starving for orders; and
- (b) what steps Government propose to take in order that Government orders for these relays and

equipment are fairly distributed, between all manufacturers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). A statement indicating the name of firms manufacturing power protection relays in the country, their collaborators, equity collaborator, licenced and installed capacity, production during 1977, 1978 and 1979 which would indicate the extent of orders these firms are get-The extent ting, is attached. orders a particular manufacturer bags depends on the performance of equipment, cost effectiveness, delivery schedule, etc., the general procedure of State Electricity Boards being to invite open tenders and placing the orders on technically acceptable lowest offer. With commencement production in the new units licenced by the Government, in this field, even loading should be experted