

**Coal to Power Generating Plants**

\*170. SHRI K. MALLANNA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) whether efforts have been made by his Ministry during the last six months to meet the challenge of supplying coal to power generating plants and supplying drinking water to drought-affected areas in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

- THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF):

(a) and (b). A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT****MOVEMENT OF COAL TO THERMAL POWER STATIONS:**

From the following comparative figures, it will be seen that there has been a significant increase in movement of coal to thermal power stations during the last six months as compared to the corresponding periods of the previous years:—

| Month               | Daily av. no. of<br>wagons of coal loaded<br>for powerhouses |      |
|---------------------|--|------|
|                     | 1980   | 1979 |
| January             | 2913   | 2679 |
| February            | 3323   | 2600 |
| March               | 3287   | 2807 |
| April               | 3299   | 2775 |
| May                 | 3189*  | 2715 |
| June<br>(upto 10th) | 3233*  | 2806 |

\*(Approximate)

**SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER TO DROUGHT-AFFECTED AREAS IN THE COUNTRY:**

The Railways made arrangements for supplying water free of cost in drought-affected areas on the request of State Governments.

**Production vacuum in Cochin Shipyard**\*176. SHRI K. KUNHAMBU:  
SHRI SATYA GOPAL  
MISRA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there will be a production vacuum in the Cochin Shipyard due to lack of orders; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT AND TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) and (b). The Shipyard has so far firm orders for 3 ships of 75,000 DWT each and last of these ships is expected to be undocked in December 81. Efforts are being made to secure further order for ships of 75,000 DWT each. In case this is not possible, Cochin Shipyard proposes to switch over to ships of 35,000 DWT to 45,000 DWT each for which there may be orders. Efforts are being made to avert production vacuum.

**Legislation for Workers' Participation**\*177. SHRI ARJUN SETHI:  
SHRI K. PRADHANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring a legislation allowing the workers participation in management;