

Choice of consultants for Thal-Vaishet and Hazira

*304. SHRIMATI PRAMILA DAN-DAVATE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have investigated into the alleged access to the Government of India files on the choice of consultants for the Thal-Vaishet and Hazira Fertilizer projects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). Investigations are in progress.

Production of Coal

*305. SHRI HARINATH MISRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the productivity of coal in the country in terms of output per manshift is only .067 tonne—one of the lowest in the world; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken to make up the leeway in introducing latest equipment in underground mining?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) Output per manshift in Coal India mines increased from 0.66 per tonne in 1979-80 to 0.70 per tonne in the current year. With the steps taken to improve productivity in the mines the increasing trend will continue and it is expected that the output per manshift in 1984-85 would be 1.20 per tonne. However, as compared to countries practising advanced coal mining technique the output per manshift in India is low.

(b) The steps taken to improve the productivity, *inter alia*, are:

(1) New mines—large open cast mines fully mechanised.

(2) Underground mines with higher level of mechanisation, beginning of which has already been made.

(3) Mechanisation of the existing mines on a selective basis.

(4) Improvement of management of these mines.

(5) Imparting a higher level skills to workmen, supervisors and the technical staff.

छठी योजना के दौरान दूरदर्शन केन्द्र

* 306. श्री नरसिंह नरुचानी : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) छठी पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान प्रस्तावित तीन नए दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों की स्थापना के लिए जिन-जिन स्थानों का चयन किया गया है ;

(ख) इन केन्द्रों से कितने गांवों का लाभ पहुंचाने की आशा है और उसके बाद भी कितने गांव इस सुविधा से वंचित रह जायेंगे ; और

(ग) शेष गांवों में इस सुविधा को पहुंचाने के लिए क्या उपाय किए जाने का विचार है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री बसन्त साठे) : (क) से (ग). "छठी योजना" (1980-85) के स्वीकृत प्रस्तावों में ग्रहमदाबाद, बंगलौर, त्रिवेन्द्रम, और गोहाटी में पूर्णरूपेण दूरदर्शन केन्द्र तथा पणजी, भासनसोल, मदुरै (कोडै कनाल), मुशिदाबाद, वाराणसी, विजयवाड़ा, कटक और कसौली में रिमोट ट्रांसमीटर स्थापित