

**Destruction of Coal in the Underground
Fire in Giridih Region**

*117 SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:

SHRI D. M. PUTTE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in an underground fire one lakh tons of coking coal was destroyed in Giridih region of Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the full details of the loss;

(c) whether any enquiry has been ordered and responsibility fixed; and

(d) if not, what action has been taken in the matter by Government?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Question does not arise.

**Power Generation and Transmission
Losses**

*118. SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the one hand there has been sharp decline in the power generation in the country and on the other, the transmission losses, which should be 12 per cent to 15 per cent have risen as high as 20 per cent to 25 per cent;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any analysis with regard to the extent of decline in the power generation during the last one year and the factors responsible for the poor performance of the power industry and rise in the transmission losses; and

(c) if so, the result thereof and the remedial measures taken by the Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAULHURI): (a) to (c) There has been no decline in power generation

during the last one year. The power generation in 1979-80 was higher than the same during 1978-79 by 2.1 per cent. The total energy generation during the period of April to 15th November of 1980-81 has been 67,478 million units as against 66,904 million units during the corresponding period last year. Generation of 113,000 million units has been programmed for the current year 1980-81. This would represent an increase of about 7 per cent over the generation during the preceding year.

The transmission and distribution losses in the country have been ranging from 19 per cent to 20 per cent over the last five years. These losses are the results of inherent characteristics of the line conductors and equipment viz. losses in transformation etc. A portion of the transmission and distribution losses is also accounted for by unmetered connections, pilferage, billing errors, tampering and stoppage of meters etc. With the growth of the power system and the extension of low tension lines in the remote and rural areas, the transmission and distribution losses tend to increase. The State electricity Boards are taking up the system improvement schemes. Efforts are being made to reduce the transmission and distribution losses by strengthening the systems and also by encouraging the installation of capacitors at sub stations and consumers premises.

Government is aware of the problems and the need for improving the power availability. The performance of power stations during the years 1979-80 and 1980-81 was affected due to failure of monsoon in 1979-80 and delay in the stabilisation of newly commissioned units. The factors which stand in the way of better performance of power stations have been identified and a number of short-term and long-term measures have been taken and are being taken to improve the total power availability in the system. These measures include:

(i) The supply of adequate quantity of coal of right quality. Defaulting collieries are being identified and the representatives of the Power Stations posted there for joint sampling. Coal companies have been required to intensify hand-picking of stones, shales and other extraneous material so as to improve the quality. Coal companies have also been advised to instal portable/permanent crushers at mines and undertake appropriate coal beneficiation programmes.

(ii) Assistance to the State electricity Boards to undertake plant betterment programmes and better preventive maintenance schedule.

(iii) Identification of deficiency in design of equipments and taking up programme of their rectification and replacement.

(iv) Arranging timely supply of spare parts from indigenous and foreign suppliers.

(v) Undertaking training programmes for engineers and technical personal entrusted with the operation and maintenance of Power Stations.

(vi) Detailed monitoring of the construction schedules of all the on-going power projects.

Oil Find in Arunachal Pradesh

*119. SHRI MADHAVRAO
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) how many wells have been drilled in Kharsangh structure in Arunachal Pradesh and how many of them have been found to be oil bearing and how many gas bearing; and

(b) the estimated amount of oil and gas found to be present there?

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

Out of the 5 wells drilled in the Kharsang area, oil was found in 2 wells. The fifth well has indicated the presence of oil but awaits testing. Crude oil potential will be known after the drilling in the area is completed.

Impact on Prices of Petroleum Products due to War between Iran and Iraq

*120. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state the likely impact of Iran-Iraq war on the prices of the petroleum products?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): There has been some dislocation in supply of crude oil and petroleum products in the wake of the Iraq-Iran conflict. Efforts are being made to make up the short-falls by arranging supplies to the extent required, either on a Government to Government basis or by spot purchases. This involves extra expenditure as spot prices of crude and of petroleum products have shown an increase after the start of the war. Government is studying the short and long range implications and a clear picture will emerge only after a few months.

Names of Vidyapati's songs

1001. SHRI RAM SINGH
SHAKYA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) names of the Vidyapati's songs presented by the Delhi Television in the year 1980;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Television ignores Vidyapati's songs; and