

Report of the Committee on Coal Prices

1383 SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's Committee on coal prices have submitted their report;

(b) if so, the outlines thereof; and

(c) how long coal industry would be given subsidy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD (a) and (b). The Inter-Ministerial Committee on Coal Prices had submitted an interim report. After considering the same, the coal prices were revised with effect from first July, 1975. The Committee has not yet submitted its final report.

(c) Subsidy is admissible to the coal industry and others for schemes of conservation and development of coal mines, for grant of stowing materials and other assistance for stowing operations and for execution of stowing and other operations for the safety in coal mines, research etc., under the Coal Mines (Conservation and Development) Act, 1974. There is at present no proposal to discontinue this scheme of subsidy.

Joint Sector Projects

1384. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state the state-wise break up of joint sector projects which have come up in various States of India and the nature of industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI B. P. MAURYA): On the basis of information re-

ceived from State Governments, state-wise break-up of number of Joint Sector Units in production is set out below:—

Sl. No.	Name of State	Number of Indl Units
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9
2.	Gujarat	2
3.	Haryana	2
4.	Kerala	3
5.	Meghalaya	2
6.	Nagaland	1
7.	Punjab	4
8.	Tamil Nadu	3
9.	Uttar Pradesh	3
10.	West Bengal	1

These relate to industries such as Ammonia/Urea, Dry Cell Batteries, Drugs, Enamelled Wires, Glass Bottles, Plywood, Steel Billets, Switch Gears and Television Sets etc.

Launching of a Satellite 'Apple into Space' with Foreign Assistance

1385 SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE: Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India propose to launch a satellite called 'Apple into Space' with foreign assistance in 1978; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRI MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Ariane is the European launcher currently under development. In response to an invitation received from the European Space Agency for proposals for flying a passenger pay-load on the Ariane