

AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal for providing piped water to Khurda Town in the District of Puri in Orissa was received from the State Government ,

(b) if so, whether this proposal has since received the approval of the Central Government , and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISHU) . (a) to (c) No scheme relating to supply of piped water to Khurda Town was received by the Government of India from the Orissa Government. The powers for sanctioning the water supply schemes have been delegated to the State Governments and it is no longer necessary for them to obtain approval of the Government of India for urban water supply schemes upto Rs. 25 lakhs.

The Government of Orissa have however reported that they had approved the piped water supply scheme for Khurda Town costing Rs. 14 lakhs in 1967 and the execution of the scheme will start in 1971-72.

बिहार में कोयला खानों में कोयले का जमा होना

22. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : क्या पेट्रोलियम, रसायन तथा अलूह धातु मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार की कोयला खान मिलों में बहुत अधिक मात्रा में कोयले का स्टॉक जमा हो गया है ;

(ख) यदि हा, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ।

पेट्रोलियम, रसायन तथा अलूह धातु मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री श्रीनिवास सिंह

शौकरी) . (क) और (ख). जी हा । यह इस्पात सयंत्रों, रेलवे और अन्य उपभोक्ताओं जिनकी हड़ताल द्वारा कोयले के लिए आवश्यकताएँ प्रभावित हुई थी, द्वारा कम अवक्रम के कारण से हुआ है ।

(ग) रेलवे से अनुरोध किया गया है कि वह गर्तें मुख के स्टॉक को उठाने के लिए बैगनों को अधिक सख्या में उपलब्ध करे ।

Compensation from Pakistan for Burning of an I.A.C. Plane

23 SHRI S.M. BANERJEE Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) what further steps have been taken to get compensation from Pakistan because of burning of an IAC plane ,

(b) whether Pakistan have not yet agreed to hand over the two hijackers to Government ; and

(c) if so, the steps likely to be taken.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) . (a) to (c) The Government of India continue their efforts to press Pakistan to pay compensation for the loss of the Indian plane, as well as its cargo, baggage and mail and to take suitable action against the two hijackers. The Government of Pakistan have not so far taken any satisfactory action on the demands made by us. In the meanwhile, the overflight of Pakistan planes over India remains suspended.

Shortage of Doctors in Rural Areas

*24 SHRI D.S. AFZALPURKAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of doctors in rural areas in the country ; and

(b) if so, the specific steps Government propose to take in this regard ?