

Outstanding dues of Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board against coal Mines

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Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the mine-wise details of the dues of Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board outstanding against the coal mines in the State:

(b) the reasons for delay in the payment of dues by the coal mines; and

(c) the arrangements being made for the payment of the said dues?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Shortage of Petrol and Diesel to Maharashtra

767. SHRI BANWARILAL PUROHIT:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is steep shortage of diesel and petrol in Nagpur and the Vidarbha region in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether due to acute shortage of diesel and petrol in Nagpur, the entire commerce, business, trade and industry have come to a standstill; and

(c) if so, the steps the Government have taken to meet the shortage of diesel and petrol in Nagpur?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) There is no report of steep shortage of diesel and petrol in Nagpur and the Vidarbha region in Maharashtra at present.

(b) Does not arise in view of the (a) above.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above. Petrol is presently being supplied to retail outlets by providing a growth of 4% over the corresponding period of the previous year. High Speed Diesel is being supplied to retail outlets at the same level as in the corresponding period of the previous year.

[Translation]

Extension of Trains Running Between Madras and Bokaro upto Gaya

768. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand to extend the train service running between Madras and Bokaro upto Gaya;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be extended; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Presently not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.