

2. Continuous efforts are being made by the coal suppliers to prevent extraneous matters or excess fines being mixed with coal by arranging picking of shales, screening of coal etc.

3. Joint sampling and joint inspections are arranged by the coal suppliers and the representatives of the power stations wherever desired by the consumers.

4. The Standing Coal Linkage Committee consisting, among others, of the representatives of the Department of Coal, Coal Supply Agencies, the Department of Power and the Central Electricity Authority meets periodically for allocation of the required quality/quantity of coal to thermal power stations. The problems of quality of coal being supplied to thermal power stations are regularly discussed in the meetings of the standing Linkage Committee to sort out problems being faced by the power stations.

5. Proposals for beneficiation of coal from some of the mines in respect of which problems have been faced, are under consideration.

6. A Committee had been set up by the Department of Coal to examine comprehensively the problems connected with the production and supply of coal of required quality to the various consumers including power stations. The report of this Committee is under the consideration of the Government.

7. Agreements for the supply of coal to the power stations which are to be formulated at in provisions governing the quality of coal to be supplied.

#### **Help sought by Afghanistan for setting up Industrial states**

\*506 SHRI DURGA CHAND : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Afghanistan has sought India's help, during Afghanistan President's recent visit to India, for setting up industrial estates in that country :

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) what action Government have taken thereon ; and

(d) what are the names of the countries where India has given help for setting up industrial estates ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY  
(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India would assist the Government of Afghanistan in the establishment of one Industrial Estate each at Herat, Kandhar and Mazar-e-Sharif India's participation in the establishment of the proposed three Industrial Estates will consist of construction of sheds supply of machinery/equipment and deputation of experts.

(c) It is proposed to depute a team of experts to Afghanistan shortly to prepare a detailed project report.

(d) Afghanistan and Tanzania have been helped by the Government of India in setting up industrial estates.

#### **Compensation paid for land by Central Coal Fields and Singrauli Collieries**

\*507 SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that land acquired by Central Coal Fields Ltd. for Singrauli Collieries in Madhya Pradesh has been paid less compensation compared to that paid by the Bina Collieries, a sister concern ;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the land acquired by Singrauli Collieries is much superior to the land acquired by Bina Collieries but the latter paid higher compensation ; and

(c) if so, comparative compensation per acre paid by both collieries and reasons for payment of less compensation ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY  
(SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c). Does not arise

#### **Central Assistance for Development of Darjeeling Hill Area**

\*508. SHRI DINEN BHATTACHAR YA : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal has submitted proposals for the grant of Central Assistance of Rs 5 crore