

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT PANJA):**

(a) coal supplies to all power utilities are effected against quarterly linkages decided by the Standing Linkage Committee on the basis of generation targets accepted by power stations.

As against the agreed target for supply of 137 Million Tonnes (including middling) for the power sector during the year 1991-92, the despatches have been of the order of 136.90 Million Tonnes. Similarly, during the year 1992-93 coal companies have committed to supply 150 Million Tonnes to power utilities. During the period April, 1992 - January, 1993 coal companies (CIL & SCCL) supply a total of 121.25 Million Tonnes which works out to 99.2% of the target for this period and 80.83% of the annual target of coal supplies. Coal Companies are confident of meeting the requirement in full of the power utilities as per the target.

The stocks of coal at most power houses has improved significantly except for the power houses which have problems of unloading of coal.

(b) Most of the cesses which were being levied by State Governments on coal have been stock down by courts. Since these cesses were being levied by State Governments, the question of Union Government enhancing them does not arise.

(c) Coal supplies to power stations are require. It monitored in the Weekly Coordination Committee Meeting in which the representatives of Ministries of Coal, Railways & Power participate. There exists close coordination between these organisations for ensuring better availability of Coal to the power houses.

Open Cast Mines in Andhra Pradesh

1499; SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken necessary steps to develop open cast mines at Manuguru in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount earmarked for the purpose during the current plan period and the output expected therefrom?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR
PANJA):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Apart from 3 open cast projects already developed in Manuguru area, two more open cast projects viz. Manuguru OCP-III and Manuguru OCP-IV are envisaged for development during the current Plan Period. However investment approvals on coal projects are dependent on various factors like availability of land, environmental & forestry clearances, techno-economic feasibility and availability of adequate funds etc.

(c) For the 5 open cast mines/projects (including the two contemplated) the present Plan allocation for the period 1992-93 to 1996-97 is Rs. 188.75 crores. During the terminal year of the Plan the coal production from open cast mines in Manuguru area has been projected as 4.47 million tonnes.

**Pipeline from Visakhapattanam to
Vijayawada**

1500. SHRI DHARAMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: