

conventional fire fighting techniques for dealing with fires in Jharia Coalfield of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL). These techniques include digging, trenching, blanketing, hydraulic sand flushing, quenching by water, sealing off the fire area, introduction of nitrogen in the fire area, etc.

(b) and (c) an expenditure of about Rs. 73 crores (Provisional) has been incurred on dealing with most of the fire sites till 31 March, 1994. Yeas-wise details of expenditure incurred on this account during the last three years are given below :

<i>(Rs. in lakhs)</i>	
<i>Year</i>	<i>Expenditure incurred</i>
1991-92	40.00
1992-93	60.00
1993-94	150.00

(d) and (e) With the objective of finding a long term solution to the problem of Jharia Coalfield fires, a detailed diagnostic study has been undertaken under the Jharia Mine Fire Control Technical Assistance Project for which World Bank assistance of US \$ 12.00 million has been approved.

#### **Conference on Eye-Diseases**

3394. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA :  
SHRI SHIVLAL NAGJIBHAI VEKARIA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND

FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Conference of Ophthalmologists was recently held in Delhi on various eye-diseases;

(b) if so, the recommendations made at the conference; and

(c) the follow up action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) So far no recommendation has been received in this regard.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Expenditure on Refugees**

3395. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI :  
DR. VASANT PAWAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total expenditure incurred by the Union Government on the refugees, especially Bangladeshi refugees in the country during each of the last three years and the current year so far; and

(b) the amount released to the State Governments for the maintenance of refugees during the above period; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) and (b). A Statement is enclosed.