

(a) the name of Open Cast Projects mined by private contractors,

(b) the details state-wise and the number of workmen involved therein, and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to regularise the contractor workers?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

[Translation]

Minimum Wages to Contractual Labourers in Dhori Project

3225 SHRI SIMON MARANDI Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) whether the contractual labourers in Dhori Project under the Central Coalfields Limited are paid 15-16 rupees as daily wages rather than minimum wages,

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the Central Coalfields Limited is following the pay scale agreement 4 in letter and spirit in this regard,

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) (a) and (b) The contractors pay to the contractual labourers in Dhori Project minimum wages, as revised from time to time by the State Government, in the presence of management representatives. The Books and Registers maintained by the contractors are also inspected by the

Labour Enforcement authority (Central)

(c) The NCWA-IV does not contain any provision regarding rate of payment of wages to contract labour

(d) and (e) Do not arise

[English]

Phasing out of Steam Locomotives

3224 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have prepared any programme for phasing out all the steam locomotives before the turn of the century,

(b) if so, the total number of such locomotives involved and

(c) the estimated capital outlay involved in phasing out all these locomotives?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH) (a) Yes Sir

(b) About 3322 Steam Locomotives

(c) No specific capital outlay is involved in Phasing out. These aged and outdated locomotives would in any case require replacement which is now being gradually done by diesel/electric locomotives

Waiting List for LPG in Kerala

3225 SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state

(a) the number of LPG connections in