

[Translation]

**Office of Khetari Copper Project**

3714. SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether office of Khetari Copper Project is located in Calcutta;

(b) the justification of locating this office so far away from Khetari;

(c) whether there is any proposal to locate the said office at Jaipur; and

(d) if so, the time by which the office will be shifted to Jaipur ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE):

(a) No, Sir. It is located at Khetri-nagar, Rajasthan. The Khetri Copper Complex is one of the three projects of M/s. Hindustan Copper Ltd. The head office of M/s. Hindustan Copper Ltd. is located at Calcutta.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

**Coal Mining in Rajmahal Coalfield Area, Bihar**

3715. SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether a vast potential exists for mining coal in Rajmahal coalfields area of Santhal Parganas, a tribal district of Bihar;

(b) whether out of the five coal basins of this region, only one has been developed for exploitation which would be able to supply coal both to Farakka and Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Plants and further vast potential exists for utilising the coal reserves; and

(c) if reply to parts (a) and (b) above be in affirmative, the steps his Ministry is contemplating to take to utilise the above vast coal resources ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :

(a) and (b) The potential for mining of coal in Rajmahal coalfields is yet to be

determined. So far, of the five basins comprising Rajmahal coalfields, detailed exploration in Hura basin has been completed and a large quarriable potential has been established. As only Hura basin has been explored, this basin is, at present, being developed for exploitation. The Rajmahal opencast project with a capacity of 5 m.t. per year has been approved and is under construction. This project would meet the initial coal requirements of Farakka Super Thermal Power Station and Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Station.

(c) A project report for expanding the capacity of Rajmahal project to 10 m.t. per year is under preparation. It is also proposed to plan another project, Rajmahal 'C' with a capacity of 2.00 m. t. per year. These projects will meet the increasing requirements of Farakka Super Thermal Power Station and Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Station.

**Central Assistance to Orissa Government for Creation of Additional Units of Revenue Administration**

3716. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Orissa have requested his Ministry to provide Central assistance for creation of additional units of Revenue Administration in that State;

(b) if so, the amount of Central assistance provided to State of Orissa for that purpose; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

**Procurement Policy of Opium**

3717. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI :  
PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI  
SHAKTAWAT :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) when the procurement policy in regard to opium was formulated according