

Payment by subsidiaries of Coal India Limited

8733. DR. MANOJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the subsidiary companies of the Coal India Limited have paid amounts for natural calamities in Bangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the sanction for the aforesaid payment was obtained from the Board of Directors of the subsidiary companies; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) to (d). In keeping with the tradition of the subsidiaries of Coal India of coming forward to help in the relief measures for the persons affected by natural calamities, Western Coalfields Limited, South Eastern Coalfields Limited, and Eastern Coalfields Limited advanced some funds to initially meet immediate expenditure on relief to the families affected by heavy rains in Bangalore City. Since the advances made by the companies are ultimately recoverable from the donations made by employees for flood and earthquake relief and were not donations by the companies, no approval by their Boards of Directors was necessary.

Timings for Telecast of Agricultural Programmes from Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad

8734. SHRI B.B. RAMAIAH:
SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the evening time slot during which agricultural programmes are telecast from Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad;

(b) whether it is proposed to telecast this programme between 7.30 to 8.P.M. for the benefit of farmers as is being done by Doordarshan Kendras at Bombay and Delhi; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.K. TEWARY):

(a) Agricultural programmes are telecast from Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad during 6.30 P.M. and 7.00 P.M.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The time slot between 7.30 P.M. and 8.00 P.M. is reserved for regional news bulletin and other programmes of interest to general viewers including farmers.

[*Translation*]

Delay in Delivery of Dak and Telegrams

8735. SHRIVIRDHI CHANDER JAIN:
SHRI R.M. BHOYE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telegrams are sent by post very often;

(b) if so, whether telegram charges are refunded to the sender in such cases;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is much delay in the delivery of dak in the remote hill and desert areas of the country; and

(e) if so, the details of the measures