

**Expenditure incurred on Publicity and Mechanisation by Eastern Coalfields Ltd. and Central Coalfields Ltd.**

9873. SHRI ROBIN SEN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge expenses are being incurred by Eastern Coalfields Ltd. and Central Coalfields Ltd. on publicity, publishing bulletins and journals;

(b) whether Rs. 15—20 lakhs are being spent for mechanisation of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. and Central Coalfields Ltd., without making proper utilisation of available manpower; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN):** (a) Information is being collected.

(b) and (c). In Eastern Coalfields Ltd., about ten to twelve thousand customers are receiving coal on cash basis i.e. they are to make payment against bills and railway receipts. Since there was considerable time-lag between date of loading and date of payment and between the date of loading and date of billing, it was felt advantageous to centralise this work so that all cash billing could be done on computer. As a result, the bills are now prepared expeditiously resulting in considerable saving of interest on outstandings. Annual charges paid to the computer services are Rs. 3.30 lakhs (approximate) plus the cost of stationery. All the available staff are properly utilised by adjusting them against items of work in which there has been increase. In the case of Central Coalfields Limited customers and colliery ledgers covering about 3,000 are done through mechanisation for which the monthly charges are about Rs. 15,000 only.

**दिल्ली में घरेलू बिजली की सप्लाई में कटौती**

9874. श्री गंगा चक्र सिंह: क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने क हृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली में औद्योगिक संस्थानों को बिजली की न्यायोचित मांग पूरी करने के लिए सरकार घरेलू बिजली को अनावश्यक सप्लाई में कटौती करने के प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री (श्री पी० रामचन्द्रन) :

(क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

**Regulation for the Promotion of Top Officers in Central Information Service**

9875. SHRI L. L. KAPOOR Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is great dissatisfaction among the senior Information Officers viz. Deputy Principal Information Officer, Dy. Information Officer over the promotion of officers from outside the Central Information Service Cadre;

(b) whether a former senior officer has been appointed as the Dy. Principal Information Officer in one of the Ministries; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI (L. K. ADVANI):** (a) A representation has been received from Central Information Service Association expressing their concern over the proposed appointment of an I.F.S. Officer as Principal Information Officer.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.