

schedule during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the extent of short-fall;

(c) figures of production of coal for 1978-79 and two previous financial years; and

(d) the reasons for the short-fall in production and measures taken to improve the situation?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA):** (a) to (c). The production of coal in the first 10 months of the current year, i.e. from April '78 to January '79 was 81.46 million tonnes against the original target of 113.5 million tonnes for the whole year. The figures of production in 1976-77 and 1977-78 were 101.04 million tonnes and 101.18 million tonnes respectively.

(d) Frequent power interruption, shortage of explosives, industrial unrest, large scale absenteeism of miners and loaders in the coalfields, a prolonged strike in the Singareni Collieries in April and May '78 and flooding of a number of mines in Bengal-Bihar coalfields in September '78 due to very heavy rains were the main reasons for the shortfall in production.

Regular coordination is maintained with power houses supplying power to the coalfield areas to avoid frequent interruptions in supply. DVC are treating coal mines as priority consumers next to Railways, for power supply. Import of explosives has been arranged to avoid its shortage. With the dewatering of almost all the flooded mines, the production has started picking up.

#### **T.V. Station at Bangalore**

**122. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) reasons why a T.V. Station has not yet been opened at Bangalore;

(b) when is a T.V. Station expected to be opened at Bangalore keeping in view the fact that Bangalore is a major centre of activity in different fields in the South, apart from being the capital of Karnataka; and

(c) what is the scheduled programme of opening new T.V. Stations in the country?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI):** (a) Due to financial constraints it was not possible to set up a TV Centre at Bangalore earlier.

(b) During the Sixth Five Year Plan period.

(c) Following are the proposals under consideration for implementation during the Sixth Plan period:

#### **Full-fledged TV Centres:**

1. Ahmedabad (Gujarat)
2. Bangalore (Karnataka)
3. Trivandrum (Kerala)

#### **T.V. Relay Centres:**

1. Ajmer (Rajasthan)
2. Cuttack (Orissa)
3. Panaji (Goa, Daman and Diu)
4. Jammu (Jammu & Kashmir)
5. Madurai (Tamil Nadu)
6. Murshidabad (West Bengal)
7. Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh)
8. Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)

**Note (1):** Relay Centres at Asansol (West Bengal) and Kasauli (Himachal Pradesh) which are approved schemes of earlier Plan are also being taken up for implementation.

**Note (2):** A full-fledged TV Centre already under construction at Jullundur is to be commissioned in April, 1979.