

**Complaints from the villagers for delay in providing power connections for tube-wells in Gujarat**

4944. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of ENERGY be Pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a common complaint from the villagers and their demand that in case of undue delay in providing power connection they should be given interest on the amount deposited so far for getting power connections for tube-wells particularly in the state of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, steps Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**लेह में कोयले का स्टॉक**

4945. श्रीमती पार्वती बेबी : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत वर्ष कोयले का स्टॉक लेह में रखने की बजाय वहाँ 150 किलोमीटर दूर न्योडा में रखा गया था तथा फिर उसे वहाँ से, सारा रास्ता तय करके आवश्यकतानुसार पुनः लेह में वितरित किया गया था ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उस पर कितना अतिरिक्त व्यय हुआ और वह किसने वहन किया ?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर सिन्हा) : (क) कोल इंडिया लि० ने कोयले का कोई स्टॉक न तो लेह में रखा था और न न्योडा में ।

(ख) ज्ञान नहीं उड़ता ।

**Long-wave Transmitters**

4946. SHRI K. MALLANNA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the long wave service had overriding advantage as compared with medium and short wave services both in terms of range, quality and costs ;

(b) whether Government are aware that just three long wave transmitters of one MW each, costing Rs. 20 crores, could provide a stable service to the entire country ;

(c) whether Government are also aware that so far the long wave band was denied to Asia and the Pacific region by the International Telecommunication Union on the pretext that it was not technically feasible ; and

(d) how that the feasibility of the long wave band in the region had been finally established by the Indian electronic engineers, do Government propose to insist on getting ITU allocate the long wave band to use when it meets in September this year?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) to (d). On the basis of its own research, A.I.R. is of the view that longwave broadcasting would, under certain conditions, facilitate greater coverage than medium wave broadcasting. However, other technical experts have reservations regarding this. At present longwave (LF band) is not allocated for broadcasting service in Region 3 (comprising of the Asia and Pacific countries) and Region 2 (comprising of the Americas) by the International Telecommunication Union. Government has yet to take a view on the question of the feasibility of using LF band for broadcasting.

**Next Year's Production Plan of Steel to Meet Demand**

4947. SHRI NIHAR LASKAR : SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : SHRI A. R. BADRINARAYAN :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India has initiated an exercise to adjust next year production plan to suit the demand ;