

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): Government are re-examining all issues connected with film censorship including organisation of the Board of Film Censors.

Quarters for Chandrapura Power Station Workers

175. **SHRI SUDHIR KUMAR GIRI:** Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) steps taken by Government to arrange quarters for the workers of Chandrapura power station; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) and (b). The total number of employees for whom accommodation is required at the Chandrapura Thermal Power Station, after the proposed transfer of workers on the 6th Unit from Chandrapura to Durgapur, is about 2,700. Accommodation arrangements are already available for about 2223 employees. Steps have been taken for providing accommodation to 364 more employees, bringing the total number of employees covered by the housing scheme to 2587.

Serious crisis due to mishandling of coal production and distribution system

177. **SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH:** Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the total mishandling of the coal production and distribution system has resulted in serious crisis in many sectors;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to constitute an all party

Parliamentary Committee to go into the matter for suggesting immediate remedial measures;

(c) if so, when;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps have so far been taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) No, Sir. There has been no mishandling of production and distribution of coal.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) and (e). Coal distribution to the major consumers like steel, power and cement which consume over 60 per cent of the coal produced is regulated by a Linkage Committee with representatives of Department of Coal, Railways, Planning Commission and the concerned administrative Ministry of the consuming sector. Similarly, coal allotment to the other industries is regulated through a system of sponsorship issued by the competent authorities like DGTD, Director of Industries of the State Governments etc. The present system of distribution is quite effective. However, constraints in movement sometimes affect supplies to the consuming sectors.

A number of steps have been taken to improve coal production. Production in 1979-80 was 104 million tonnes which was nearly 2 million tonnes higher than the production in 1978-79. In April-May 1980, the production is about 2 million tonnes higher than in the same period last year. With current trend in production it is expected that coal industry will achieve its target of 113.5 million tonnes for the year 1980-81. Efforts are also being made in coordination with the Railways to step up the supply of wagons for transportation of coal.