

Coverage of World Tamil Conference by A. I. R.

191. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING be pleased to
state;

(a) the extent of coverage given to
the World Tamil Conference held in
the first week of January, 1981 in
Madurai, Tamilnadu by All India
Radio, Madras and All India Radio,
New Delhi;

(b) the extent of coverage given to
this international conference by the
Films Division of the Government
of India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUD-
BEN M. JOSHI): (a) The World
Tamil Conference held in the first
week of January, 1981 at Madurai,
Tamilnadu was extensively covered
by Madras, Tiruchirappalli and Delhi
Stations of All India Radio and in the
AIR News Bulletins from Delhi and
Madras. The Newsreel and Spot-
light programmes also covered it.
While the details of the news cov-
erages are given in Annexures I, II and
III, those of special coverage are in
Annexure-IV, laid on the Table of
the House [Placed in Library. See
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(b) As regards coverage of this
Conference by the Films Division,
out of total coverage of 486 meters
done on the World Tamil Conference,
the story was released as the lead
items of Indian News Review with
a length of 55 metres including the
title of the news item. The film was
released on All India Circuit on 23rd
January, 1981.

Supply of Coal to super Thermal Power Station Tuticorin

192. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM:
Will the Minister of ENERGY be
pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to ensure
adequate supply of coal to Super
Thermal Power Station, Tuticorin

in order to avoid frequent shut-
downs;

(b) how many times for want of
coal this Super Thermal Station had
to be shut down in the past 11
months; and

(c) what is the minimum stocks
of coal that Super Thermal Power
Station has to have and what is the
position that obtains now in Tutico-
rin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIK-
RAM MAHAJAN): (a) Tuticorin
thermal power station is linked to
get coal from Raniganj Coal fields in
Bihar through Rail-cum-sea route. Ar-
rangements have been made for trans-
port of requisite quantity of coal by
Rail as well as by sea through Haldia
Port. The Standing Coal Linkage
Committee, has allocated 90,000 tons
of Coal per month for the 1st & 2nd
Unit of the Tuticorin TPS during
January—March, 1984 and keeping in
view the generation targets fixed for
this TPS, the above allocation is con-
sidered sufficient.

(b) The power station has never
been shut down for want of coal
during the last 11 months.

(c) As per norms, the Tuticorin
Thermal Power Station should keep
a coal stock to about 4—6 weeks con-
sumption. The present stocks at
power station are about 4 lakhs ton-
nes (including 2 lakhs tonnes kept by
the station as a buffer stock) which is
sufficient for more than 4 months
consumption of the power station.

Revival of plastic Resins and Chemical Company Arumuganeri

193. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM,
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to revive
the closed private sector Plastic resins
and chemicals company, Arumugane
Tirunelveli District from whom several