

and Medium Newspapers Finance Corporation"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, the Newspaper Industry is eligible to secure financial assistance from the Industrial Development Bank of India on a selective basis. Further, advances to newspaper small scale industrial units conforming to the definition of Small Scale Industry are covered by guarantee of Deposit Insurance Credit Guarantee Corporation under the Small Loans (Small Scale Industry) Guarantee Scheme, 1981.

**Satellite T.V. for District Purnea (Bihar)**

430. SHRI JAMILUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a plan to cover District Purnea (Bihar) by Statellite T.V.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE) (a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

**Target of coal production during Sixth Five Year Plan**

431. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the target of production of coal in the country during the Sixth Five Year Plan period, figures for coking and non-coking coal may be given separately;

(b) whether it is a fact that with the discovery of new coalfields and increasing production, the country can achieve

self-sufficiency in coal (including coking coal) during the Sixth Plan period;

(c) if so, whether there is any prospect of coal import during that period; and

(d) the expected quantities of coal to be imported during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) The target production of coal in the country during the terminal year (1984-85) of the Sixth Plan had been fixed at 165 million tonnes of which 38.54 million tonnes will be coking and 126.46 million tonnes will be non-coking coal.

(b) to (d). The country is self-sufficient in coal. Only a small quantity of Prime Coking Coal is presently being imported to meet the special requirement of the steel plants. The import of coking coal is determined on the basis of requirements from time to time.

**Foreign companies to undertake oil exploration in India**

432. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:

SHRI NIHAL SINGH:

SHRI ARJUN SETHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the foreign companies proposed to undertake the oil exploration work in the country;

(b) the number of the off-shore and on-shore basins where such exploration of oil is going to be started;

(c) whether some of the foreign companies are likely to undertake further oil exploration work in Godavari and Mahanadi basins; and

(d) the expected time of achieving commercial production in those off-shore and on-shore basins?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS