

प्रश्चिम दिल्ली में उपयुक्त स्थान का पता लगा लिया गया है। जहाँ क्षेत्रिय कार्यालय का एक भाग स्थानान्तरित किया जाएगा। इस संबंध में कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि प्राधिकारियों द्वारा आवश्यक कार्यवाही की जा रही है।

Exploration of Coal

3602. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether programme for coal exploration to meet the anticipated demand of 400 million tonnes in the country by the turn of the century has been chalked out ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For meeting the demand by the 2000 AD, target for coal exploration by Coal India Ltd. has been fixed at 2.77 million metres of drilling during 1982-83 to 1989-90. For achieving this target, Central Mine Planning & Design Institute have intensified their exploration activities by taking following steps :

(a) Modernising exploration technology by inhouse efforts.

(b) Transfer of exploration technology from advanced countries.

(c) Interaction with different Indian agencies to develop indigenous expertise wherever possible.

Bonded Labour Engaged by Contractors in Central Government Projects

3603. SHRI A.K. BALAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have taken any measures to prevent contractors

in Central Government Projects from importing cheap bonded labour from other States and increasing unemployment among the local people who are not prepared to labour under conditions of bondage; and

(b) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) and (b) Government have not received complaints about the prevalence of Bonded Labour System in the Central Government Projects. Some migrant workmen are, however, reported to have been employed in some of these projects, and their conditions of service and employment are regulated by the provisions of Inter State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979. They are in no way paid less wages than the locally recruited labour on these projects. Government have no information about increasing unemployment among the local people consequent on induction of inter-state migrant workmen in some of the Central Government Projects.

T.V. Coverage of N.E. Regions

3604. SHRI BISHNU PRASAD : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is consistent demand from the N.R. Region to expand the programme of T.V. to cover the entire region; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Low Power T.V. transmitters have already been commissioned at Gauhati, Itanagar, Shillong, Kohima, Aizawal, Imphal and Agartala. It has also been decided to set up a full fledged TV Centre at Gauhati during the 6th plan period in replacement of the existing low power transmitter.

It is also proposed to set up a High Power (10 KW) Transmitter at Agartala during the 6th plan period. In addition, Low Power TV transmitter are proposed to be established at Dibrugarh, Tezpur, Loktak and Tura in North Eastern Region during this plan period. A special scheme for providing extensive TV coverage to North Eastern region has also been formulated for implementation in a phased manner, depending upon the availability of resources.

Thermal Plan Utilising IB Valley Coal in Orissa

3605. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has agreed to examine the feasibility of the State Government of Orissa proposal to set up a thermal power plant utilising IB Valley coal in Sambalpur district;

(b) if so, the steps taken in the matter; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR) : (a) to (c) The Project Report for setting up of a thermal power station of 4×210 MW at Benharpali in Sambalpur District of Orissa for utilisation of IB valley power grade coal has been received from the Government of Orissa. The Project Report envisages the commissioning of the first unit of 210 MW by April, 1989 with subsequent units being commissioned at successive intervals of 6 months each. The necessary inputs such as coal linkage, clearance from environmental angle, availability of water, availability of infrastructural facilities etc. are required to be tied up before the project proposal can be technoeconomically appraised.

Tidal Power Study in Gulf of Kutch and Cambay in Gujarat

3606. SHRI R.P. GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent on investigations of studies for Tidal Power projects in the Gulfs of Kutch and Cambay on the West coast of Gujarat and Sunderbans along the east coast in West Bengal;

(b) when are the investigations likely to be completed; and

(c) what is the outcome of the investigation made till date ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR) : (a) to (c) Government of India sanctioned an estimate amounting to Rs. 218.38 lakhs for carrying out investigations and studies for a Tidal Power Project in the Gulf of Kutch. Studies and investigations would lead to the preparation of a feasibility report for the Project. An expenditure of Rs. 74.48 lakhs has been incurred up to July, 1983. The revised project report envisages the completion of the investigations and studies and preparation of feasibility report by March, 1987. The following investigations have already been completed.

(i) Ground Survey.

(ii) Shallow Water Tidal Level Observations.

(iii) Hydrographic Survey off Hansthal and Kandla Creeks.

(iv) Construction of permanent benchmark marks.

Telephone Bill

3607. SHRIMATI SANYOGITA RANE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are cases when telephone bills have been sent to those who had not availed the facility;

(b) whether it is also a fact that telephone bills are not sent to the appropriate consumer in many cases;