

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "China beats India in attracting FDI" appearing in 'The Tribune' dated November 11, 1998;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : (a) to (c) Taking into consideration that India has been a late entrant, the performance of India in terms of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has been satisfactory. FDI inflows have registered significant growth since the opening of the economy in mid-1991. The inflow excluding Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) during 1998 was of the order of approximately Rs.13315 crore against only Rs. 351 crore in 1991. India accounts for bulk of the foreign investment flows to South Asia (around 80%).

[Translation]

Coal Washeries

3890. SHRI R. L. P. VERMA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the names of coal washeries under each subsidiary of Coal India Limited and the quantum of slurry sold by each washery during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) whether slurry is being flown from slurry pond for the last few years from washeries of C.C.L. and B.C.C.L. and some vested interest parties are taking undue advantage of it;

(c) whether any Committee has made suggestions and recommendations on this arbitrariness; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY) : (a) Name of Coal India Limited coal washeries and the quantity of slurry sold by each washery during the last five years is given below:

Figs. in Lakh Tonnes

Washeries	1994-95	95-96	96-97	97-98	98-99
1	2	3	4	5	6
CCL					
Rajrappa	47.6	129.2	107.5	142.5	190.5
Gidi (Non-coking since mid 1998-99)	30.4	131.0	22.2	39.4	99.9
Sawang	35.5	52.4	36.8	39.4	18.6
Kathara	91.9	65.7	38.7	63.3	35.3
Kargll	-	-	1.4	-	-
Kedla	Under load trial				
Piparwar	Non-coking coal washery				

1	2	3	4	5	6
BCCL					
Dugda	0.1	0.68	1.43	1.03	1.22
Bhojudh	-	-	0.002	0.002	0.08
Patherdih	0.1	-	0.38	0.63	0.76
Barora	-	-	0.01	-	0.01
Moonidih	-	1.09	1.01	0.72	0.39
WCL					
Nandan	0.68	0.76	0.68	0.36	0.22

(b) No Sir, the fine coal is arrested in the slurry pond and recovered from there. Some times during heavy rain in mansoon the slurry pond over flow and some slurry escape alongwith the over flown water.

(c) and (d) Altekar Committee set up by the Government to study and suggest improvements in performance of coal washeries of BCCL and CCL had in one of its recommendation suggested installations/commissioning of floatation cells for beneficiation of fine coal. In compliance of the above recommendation floatation cells/hydrocyclones are operational to deal with fine coal in these washeries, referred to in reply of part (a), excepting Bhojudh washery (likely to be commissioned within this year), Kargli (project for installation of floatation cell has been sanctioned), Gidi and Piparwar (both non-coking coal washeries).

[English]

Export of Handicrafts

3891. SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the increasing demand of the handicrafts, carpets, shawls and other woollen items of Kashmir in the International market;

(b) if so, the steps taken to increase the production and export of these items during the last three years; and

(c) the details of programmes drawn up in this regard for 1999-2000 and also for coming years during 9th plan?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The steps taken to increase the production and export of these items during the last three years include : training; organisation of workshops on design development; export marketing; packaging; sponsoring of sales-cum-study team abroad; participation in international fairs; publicity campaign and organisation of Indian handicrafts and Gifts Fairs (Autumn and Spring) and Carpet Expo's annually. During 1999-2000 and Ninth Plan period, these steps shall continue to be taken and intensified, where required.

Reserve/Production Ratio

3892. SHRI BIJOY KUMAR "BIJOY" : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve/Production Ratio (R/P) of Coal has been fixed at the level of 3:1 from conservation point of view;