

formulated proposals to introduce computers and other electronic equipments in areas such as Mine Planning and designing, process control, materials management, ore reserve estimation, reclamation, re-vegetation, ground water control, personnel management, cost control, Mine communication system etc.

(c) Some of the proposals known for introduction of computer and other electronic devices by different mining companies with effect from May, 1990 are as follows:

Hindustan Zinc Limited:

N-Fold computer programme for Rock Mechanics studies to determine ground stresses.

Hindustan Copper Limited:

- i) Installation of super mini computers in Khetri Copper Complex, Indian Copper Complex and Malanjkhand Copper Project.
- ii) Engineering and Graphics computer work stations in various units of the company.

Payment of Fire Insurance Claims

8353. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of insurance claims lodged and paid during 1989 in respect of destruction of buildings by fire in the capital;

(b) whether any nationalised banks were involved in major fires during 1989;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount of insurance claims received by such nationalised banks?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ITDC Project in Kerala

8354. SHRI PALAIK.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work on India Tourism Development Corporation project in Pathanamthitta (Kerala) has been started;

(b) if so, whether the work is going on as per schedule and the present position thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) The Annual Plan 1990-91 of ITDC does not envisage any scheme/provision for taking up any project in Pathanamthitta, Kerala.

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

Minimum Export Price on Psyllium

8355. SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times a minimum export price for the export of Psyllium (Husk, Powder and Seeds) have been imposed and removed during the last ten years;

(b) the reasons therefor; and