

**Power Shortage in Coal Mines in Bihar**

2038. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal mines in Bihar are facing acute shortage of power resulting in loss of production;

(b) if so, the names of such coal mines and the extent of the shortage of power there and since when these coal mines are facing the power shortage;

(c) the estimated loss of production and value thereof due to shortage of power, mine-wise details; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure normal power supply to these coal mines?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SING KALVI): (a) Yes Sir. Particularly from the last week of June 1990 coal mines in the Eastern Region have been facing shortage of power as well as frequent power interruptions.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and to the extent available will be placed on the Table of the House.

(d) Steps taken to ensure adequate power supply to these coal mines include:

- (i) Constant follow up and liaison by coal companies with the concerned power supplying authorities.
- (ii) Close co-ordination between Departments of Coal, Power,

Central Electricity Authority, Damodar Valley Corporation and Coal India Limited, etc.

(iii) Setting up of captive power generation stations by coal companies.

(iv) External support to DVC system by supplying power from surplus areas as well as unallocated central share.

(v) Segregation of feeders to coal mines and direct supply by DVC.

[English]

**ADB's Aid for Thermal Power Projects**

2039. KUMARI UMA BHARATI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loan approved by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to finance thermal power projects in India;

(b) the names of the thermal power projects which would be financed by the loan;

(c) whether the Government propose to install a thermal power project in Khajuraho constituency; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKANE): (a) and (b). The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a loan assistance of US \$ 617.40 million (Rs. 1038.13 crores) to finance the following three ongoing thermal power projects in India: