

Number of women employees in Coal Mines

*35. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of women employed in coal mines during 1977, 1978 and 1979;

(b) if the employment of women had gone down, the reasons thereof; and

(c) steps taken by Government to protect the employment of women in coal mines?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) In respect of coal India Hqrs., NEC, WCL, CCL, the position is furnished below:—

	For CIL Hqrs.	For NEC	For WCL	For CCL
1977 .	37	69	3,390	12,903
1978 .	37	66	3,197	12,590
1979 .	38	66	3,115	11,951

As regards BCCL and ECL, information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). Information is being collected from the coal companies and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Reduction of staff strength of Coal India Limited Hqrs.

*36. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to reduce the staff strength at Coal

India Limited Headquarters and Coal India Ltd., other offices of subsidiary companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the trade unions in Calcutta offices have opposed such a move by the management; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to meet the demands of the workers?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) There is no proposal under consideration for reduction of staff strength in Coal India Limited and the subsidiary companies.

(b) to (d). Does not arise:

Proposal to set up A.I.R. Station at Tura

29. SHRI P. A. SANGMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to set up All India Radio Station at Tura, Meghalaya has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING & SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). The proposal to set up a Radio Station at Tura has been approved for implementation during the Sixth Plan (1978—83). It is at present being processed for according the necessary expenditure sanction after which work on the project will be started.