

Women Workers in Beedi Industry

1057. DR. (SHRIMATI) BHARTI RAY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 65.9 per cent of workers in Beedi industry are women;

(b) whether any information on the ratio of organised workers to unorganized worker has been attempted;

(c) whether special measures have been taken to protect their rights and conditions of work;

(d) whether steps have been taken to improve the housing conditions of those female beedi workers who take work at home; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) As per the Report on Working and Living Conditions of Workers in Beedi Industry in India prepared by Labour Bureau (1995), it is estimated that 65.9% of workers in the beedi industry are women. Also, as per the same Report, the unorganised labour constitutes more than 90% of the total work force in the country, in general.

(c) Beedi and Cigar Workers (conditions of Employment) Act, 1966, has been enacted to safeguard the interests of beedi workers and to regulate the Conditions of their work.

(d) and (e) Housing Scheme for Economically Weaker Section of Workers engaged in Beedi Industry and Build Your Own House Scheme for Beedi Workers are being implemented by the Government under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Act, 1976. Benefits under these schemes are not gender specific.

Varieties of coal found in the country

1058. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the varieties of coal found in the country and the details of their respective annual production;

(b) the year-wise details of the total quantity of coal produced in the country during last two years, together with the production cost thereof;

(c) whether Government have exported/imported coal during last two years;

(d) if so, the quantity thereof varietywise; and

(e) the reasons for import despite availability of adequate quantity of coal in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) (a) Gradewise coal production in the country during 1995-96 is as under:—

		(Million tonnes)
Coking Coal		40.10
Non-Coking		
Grade A		4.76
B		20.22
C		53.65
D		37.40
E		39.68
F		74.31
G		0.01
		230.03
TOTAL		270.13

(b) Total quantity of coal produced in the country and average cost of production of CIL and SCCL during the last two years is as under:—

Year	Production (million tonnes)	Average cost of production (Rs. per tonnes)	
		CIL	SCCL
1994-95	253.73	380.45	543.00
1995-96	270.13	412.66	643.00

(c) and (d) Figures of coal exported by Coal India Limited and coal imported into the country by various consumers mainly steel plants during last two years are as under:—

		1994-95	1995-96
Export	Non-Coking	0.11	0.09
Import			
	Coking	10.16	9.38
	Non-Coking	0.57	3.13
	Other coal (including various types of coke or coals etc.)	0.66	0.71