

**Launching 'Operation Green Gold' by
Coal India Limited**

4639. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI RANJAN PRASAD:
YADAV:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited has embarked on a project called 'Operation Green Gold'; and

(b) if so, which are the targetted operational areas, time frame and the cost involved therein?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) On the occasion of the World Environment Day celebrated on 5th June, 1990, Coal India Ltd. had brought out a publication 'Operation Green Gold'. This publication inter-alia covered the steps taken for environmental protection, future perspective etc. and was intended to reaffirm CIL's commitment for protection of the environment in coalfield areas.

Opening coal dumps in North Bihar

4640. SHRI RANJAN PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Bihar under this letter No. 1717 dated, 22nd April, 1992 and letter No. 202 dated 3rd July, 1992 had requested Chairman Coal India Limited to open coal dumps in districts to North Bihar for domestic and industrial consumption; and

(b) if so, what follow up action has been taken till date?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the New Policy on stockyards, responsibility for setting up and managing coal stockyards has been vested with the respective State Government or their Undertakings. The Government of Bihar have accordingly been advised to open stockyards as per the requirement.

Commissioning of Ramagundam Stage II Project

4641. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ramagundam Stage II Project was sanctioned in January, 1987 at an estimated cost of Rs. 147.16 crores with the commissioning date of March, 1992;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Project has slipped by about three years;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) what is the amount of foreign aid received, so far, for the project and the amount actually spent; and

(e) what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (e) Ramagundam-II Opencast project of Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. was originally sanctioned in January, 1987 at Rs. 147.16 crores with likely commissioning date as March, 1992. The project involved implementation of new crusher-conveyor technology of opencast mining with German financial as well as technical assistance and it was covered under Indo-German Protocol. The project got delayed in the process of selection and finalisation of general contractor which had to be done as per terms of the German credit. After considering all the related issues and having taken a total view of the project, the Government have