

of the 220 KV cable pot head on blue phase single phase transformer of Unit IV, consequent to which 1800 litres of transformer oil caught fire.

(c) The loss has been estimated at Rs. 4.92 crores.

(d) and (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Coal release for domestic and small industrial users

366. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to release more coal both for domestic and small industrial users to meet the shortage of supply of petroleum products;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of coal released during the month of September, 1990 onwards so far;

(c) what was the total demand as against the total production of coal upto August, 1990; and

(d) to what extent the shortage of coal is being met?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI): (a) Yes, Sir. A time bound programme to supply coal to domestic and small industrial users has been drawn up. Further, more coal has been offered under free sale scheme.

(b) Coal offtake for soft coke, brick and kiln industry and other consumers for the months of September, October and November '90 is as follows:—

(million tonnes)

Month	Offtake
September '90	2.25
October '90	2.61
November '90	3.41

(c) and (d) Information about demand, production and offtake of coal is as follows:—

(Million tonnes)

Demand 1990-91 (April '90- March '91)	Actual production (April- August '90)	Off-take (April August '90)
234.10	71.87	80.84

(Data provisional)

#### Recommendations made by State Power Ministers Conference

367. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that establishment of regional tariff advisory committees to determine an appropriate tariff structure for sale of electricity in a region from Central Stations as well as from generating stations of the State Electricity Boards and power utilities, has been recommended by the State Power Ministers Conference;

(b) if so, what were the other suggestions made;

(c) how many of them have been accepted; and

(d) what steps are being taken to implement the suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BARANRAO DHAKNE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving the suggestions, made at the State Power Ministers Conference held on the 11th and 12th September, 1990 is given in the statement. (See below)

(c) and (d) The suggestions made of the Power Ministers Conference are under consideration of the Central as well as the concerned State Governments.