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31. Ampicillin Anhydrous with Proben- cid oral suspension (2 5mg/1 gm)		1 Dose/Bottle.	27 20 (4-1-1989)	2790.00 per kg. +8% incidentals
32. Ampicillin Anhydrous Syrup 3 5 gm+ Probencid 1 gm.		34 59gm /Bottle.	26 18 (18-10-1989)	N.A.
33 Ampicillin Anhydrous Vet. Inject- tion 2 5gm/vial		1 vial	26 40 (24-11-1989)	N.A.
34 Cephalixin Paediatric Drops. 100 mg/ml		10ml/Bottle	14 60 (12-2-1990)	42.00 per kg. +8% incidentals
35 Cephalixin Syrup 250mg/5ml		40ml/Bottle.	25 88 (12-2-1990)	Do.
36 Do.	125mg/5ml.	40ml/Bottle.	15 60 (12-2-1990)	Do
37 Cephalixin Caps/Tabs. 250mg per Caps/Tab.		4's Strip.	13. 20 (12-2-1990)	Do
38 Cephalixin Caps/Tabs 500mg per cap/Tab		4's Strip.	25 46 (12-2-1990)	Do.

Ban on Open Cast Mining in Raniganj Coalfields.

*151. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUP-
TA. Will the Minister of ENERGY
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the West Bengal Gov-
ernment has demanded a ban on
open cast mining in Raniganj coal-
fields in view of environmental
pollution; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Gov-
ernment thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY
(SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI)
(a) and (b) The Government of West
Bengal had expressed concern about
environmental degradation due to
both opencast and underground min-
ing in Raniganj coalfields. Inviting
attention to the hazards of opencast
they had suggested prohibition of open
cast mining in location having built up
areas and on agricultural lands. It
was also suggested that if opencast
mines are to be operated in such
areas in exceptional cases, strict
guidelines should be laid down to
govern such operations. The
Government of West Bengal also
emphasised on measures for restora-
tion and reclamation of land affected
by coal mining operations in the area

The main problem is that of sub-
sidence of land in Raniganj coalfield
on account of unscientific mining car-
ried out under shallow cover during
the prenationalisation period. There
is already a very high degree of
concern and awareness for environ-
mental protection, land reclamation
etc. in the coal sector. The choice of
opencast method of mining is dicta-
ted by techno-economic factors and
geo-mining conditions. Although,
opencast mining causes certain am-
ount of degradation of land, with the
implementation of measures like
land reclamation, environmental pro-
tection improvement to a significant
extent can be achieved. In order to
achieve this objective detailed Envi-
ronmental Management Plan are pre-
pared for coal projects and adequate
funds are provided before projects
are approved by the Government.
Simultaneously, in relation to the
question of restoration of abandoned
coal mines the Ministry of Environ-
ment and Forests had set up an Ex-
pert Committee which has made
certain suggestions for cost effective
methods for restoration of abandon-
ed coal mines in ECL and other areas.
These suggestions are also meant for
progressive implementation.