

(d) The royalty paid to Government of Maharashtra during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 was Rs. 7.25 crores, 6.91 crores and Rs. 8.81 crores respectively.

(e) The amount of royalty outstanding to Government of Maharashtra as on 31-3-1991 was Rs. 1.99 crores, which has been paid in the subsequent months. The royalty is paid on the basis of despatches, and collected through Sale Bills from consumers.

Coal linkages to cement industries of Vidarbha

16. SHRI NARESH PUGLIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Government's decision the cement industry being a core sector will get 100 per cent linkages:

(b) what are the names of cement factories of Vidarbha that are getting coal from the Western Coalfields Limited and their monthly coal linkage quota including for June and July, 1991;

(c) what is the quantity of coal that has been released to them against their quota from the Western Coalfields Limited; and

(d) whether Western Coalfields Limited has fulfilled their 100 per cent coal demand; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDAR): (a) The Government have decided to give priority in coal supplies to core sectors like power, cement, steel, railway traction, fertilizer, etc., over non-core sectors. Efforts are made to fulfil the demand of core sectors, including cement, to the maximum extent possible. However, actual supplies depend on availability of coal and supply of railway wagons.

(b) and (c) According to information furnished by Development Commissioner for Cement Industry, the details of linkages and receipt of coal by major cement plants in Vidarbha region are as follows: —

(in tonnes)

Name of Cement Plant	June, 1991			July, 1991		
	Linkage	Receipt	%	Linkage	Receipt	%
L&T	45000	44735	99.4	44600	38139	85.5
Manikgarn	19600	24804	126.5	20000	13391	67.0
Chanda (ACC)	15100	12569	83.2	15000	11092	73.9

(d) The reasons for not fulfilling the full demand of these cement plants are following:—

(i) Western Coalfields Ltd. has to some extent compensate for low production of coal by Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. by sup-

plying coal to power and cement plants in South;

(ii) Higher and more urgent requirements of power sector;

(iii) Supply of at least 50 per cent of coal requirements on non-core sector industries.