

**Loss of railway for supply of adulterated Coal by Coal India Ltd.**

925. SHRI KHUSHWANT SINGH:  
Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government are taking to prevent misuse of rail transport by leading coal for consumers including railways adulterated with huge quantities of shale, rock and stone; and

(b) whether Government have received complaints about the supply of adulterated coal which gravely endangers boilers!

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Complaints have been received from some power houses regarding quality of coal supplies. It has been found that the quality of coal supply in terms of calorific value, mostly conform to the boiler parameters of the Thermal Stations concerned. There have, however, been some complaints mainly regarding oversized coal and extraneous matters. CIL has launched a multi-pronged strategy to improve the quality of coal supplies to the consumers. These include hand picking of shale and stones, suiting up of Coal Handling Plants, setting up of quality control organisations in coal companies and conferring of powers on Coal Controller to determine grades of coal provision in agreements with coal consumers of joint sampling of coal and payment according to the actual grade of coal supplied.

**Stocks of Catalysts with IPCL**

926. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:  
Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Petro-Chemicals Limited had a huge inventory of Catalysis, Activate Carbon and molecular sieves in January, 1982, which could not be used at the Petrochemical\* Complex; and

SPreviously Unstarred Question 538, transferred from the 2nd May, 1984.

(b) if so, what steps Government have since then taken to reduce the stock of catalysts, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a)  
No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Shortfall in Nylon Tyre Cord**

927. SHRI VISHVAJIT PRITHVIJIT SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether, it is a fact that as against the annual estimated requirement of nylon tyre cord of 22,000 tonnes the current shortfall will be of over 16,000 tonnes; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) The current annual demand for domestic availability of nylon industrial yarn/tyre cord are estimated at 22,000 tonnes and 18,000 tonnes respectively. The deficit is met through imports. Additional capacity for manufacture of nylon industrial yarn/tyres cord has been approved.

**French Expertise for Power Sector**

928. SHRI VISHVAJIT PRITHVIJIT SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the French Electricity Board has offered to transfer its expertise to selected Indian agencies in the power sector;

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted the offer; and

(c) if so, which are the agencies which are being selected for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) Electricite De France (EDF) is providing technical consultancy services to the Central Power Research Institute, Bangalore for the establishment of 2300 MVA Short-circuit Testing Station.