

Cease-work by Coalfield Officers

1325. SHRI KALYAN ROY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item captioned "Cease-Work by 170 Coalfield Officers" appearing in the "Statesman" dated the 24th June, 1982;

(b) what are the names of coal mines in ECL where 170 officers alleged to have gone on strike—their names and designations and how long the strike continued;

(c) whether this strike has affected the coal production and if so, details thereof—average production per day and production when the alleged strike took place;

(d) what was the loss to the ECL because of this sudden strike;

(e) what action has been taken by the ECL management for sudden strike and whether "no work no pay" has been applied in this case and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) on how many occasions President and General Secretary of the Officers' Association have met him at Delhi, Calcutta, Sanctoria (Asansol) and Dhanbad in 1980, 1981, 1982 and dates of such meetings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not correct that the officers ceased work or went on strike on 23-6-82.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

(f) The representatives, of Coal Mines Officers' Association have met Minister for Energy on a few occasions. It is not possible to give the exact number of such meetings.

Surplus Power in Southern Region

1326. SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI:
SHRI RAMCHANDRA
BHARADWAJ:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is surplus power in the southern Region to the extent of nearly 250 MW;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that a meeting was called in the first week of June, 1982 to discuss modalities to supply this surplus power from the South to Northern States; if so, what is the decision taken; and

(c) what are the names of the States which are likely to be benefited by this power supply from the South?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) A meeting was taken on 17th June, 1982 to discuss matters relating to evacuation of surplus power from the Southern Region to the neighbouring Systems during the monsoon period. It was agreed in the meeting that the surplus energy that would be available during the monsoon months would be made available to Orissa and Madhya Pradesh.

Shortage of Power

1327. SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI:
SHRI RAMCHANDRA
BHARADWAJ:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Minister of State in his Ministry had stated at Nangal on the 31st May, 1982 at a press conference that there would be no shortage of power in the country in the next three years; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?