

सुविधा दी जाती है ; यदि हाँ, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस प्रकार के आदेशों के अन्तर्गत किन-किन कम्पनियों की कोयला खानों से कितना-कितना कोयला उठाया गया तथा संबंधित कोयला खानों की कम्पनियों के नाम क्या हैं ; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि एक ठेकेदार को बिहार की कोयला खानों से वासरी तक कोयले की ढुलाई करने के लिए ठेका दिया गया है ; यदि हाँ, तो क्या ये ठेकेदार रास्ते में कोयला गायब कर देते हैं, ज्यादा कोयला लाद कर कम वजन बताते हैं और ढुलाई प्रभारों के रूप में वास्तविक प्रभारों से अधिक रूपया प्राप्त करते हैं ?

ऊर्जा मन्त्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री विक्रम महाजन) : (क) और (ख) आवश्यक व्योरे एकत्र किए जा रहे हैं और सभा पटल पर रख दिए जाएंगे।

Energising of Idle Oil Wells with the help of USSR

2289. SHRI HARVENDAR SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the USSR has assured help in energising the idle oil wells in the country; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) what quantum of additional oil is likely to be drilled with this help?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Yes, Sir. In accordance with the Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation signed on 10th December, 1980 the Soviet Side would render cooperation to the Indian Side in execution of works connected with increase of oil production from shut down and low productivity wells through repairs and introduction of modern methods of production.

(b) At this stage it is not possible to accurately estimate the quantity of oil that can be produced annually through the commissioning of the ceased wells.

Import of transmitters for use in External Service

2290. SHRI HARVENDAR SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import some very powerful transmitters to make the external service broadcasts clearly audible in about 55 countries to which external service broadcasts are beamed;

(b) whether any decision has been taken in this regard; and

(c) if so, how many such transmitters are proposed to be imported and from where and at what cost?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) to (c) Order for 2 Nos. of high power shortwave transmitters has been placed. These are being imported from Switzerland. The estimated cost of the transmitting I equipment is Rs. 421.00 lakhs.

The transmitters, when installed, will definitely improve the services for which they will be put into use though not all the services for which still more transmitters will be required.

There is also an approved proposal for four additional high power shortwave transmitters for external services in the Sixth Plan (1980—85) involving an estimated cost of Rs. 2250 lakhs.

Decontrol of coal

2291. SHRI AHMAD HOSSAIN MONDAL:

SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration, to