

ing Company Limited and the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (Amalgamation) Order, 1980.

(Placed in Library. See No. LT-890780 for (i) and (ii).]

Statement giving reasons for not laying Government's Review on the Annual Report (1978-79) of the Betwa River Board and related papers.

Statement by Government accepting the Annual Report (1978-79) of the National Institute of Hydrology.

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDE): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:

I. A statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for not laying Government's Review on the Annual Report of the Betwa River Board for the year 1978-79, and for delay in laying the Audited Accounts of the Board for that year [Placed in Library. See No. LT-888/80].

II. A statement (in English and Hindi) by Government accepting the Annual Report of the National Institute of Hydrology for the year 1978-79. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-889/80].

[The Vice-Chairman (Shri Dinish Goswami) in the Chair.]

SHRI G. C. BHATTACHARYA (Uttar Pradesh): We want to congratulate Mr. Goswami on his taking over as Vice-Chairman.

SHRI KALYAN ROY (West Bengal): Congratulations!

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): No congratulations, please. We begin the Calling Attention Notice now.

SHRI M. R. KRISHNA (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I have given notice of a Calling Attention Motion the other day, but I do not know what has

happened to it; I did not get any communication.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): Kindly take it up with the Chairman.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Accident in Palasthali Coal Mine in Bihar under Eastern Coalfield Limited on 9th June, 1980.

SHRI HARKISHAN SINGH SURJEET (Punjab): Sir, I call the attention of the Minister of Energy and Coal to the accident in the Palasthali Coal Mine in Bihar under the Eastern Coal-field Limited, on the 9th June, 1980, resulting in the death of four workers and injuries to many others.

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): Sir, it is indeed with great distress that I have to inform the House of the unfortunate accident which occurred on 9-6-1980 at about 8.15 A.M. at the Pallasthali Colliery, an opencast mine of Santhal Parganas in Eastern Coalfields Ltd. It is reported that as a result of continuous rain which began on the 8th June there was a land slide of alluvium, from the Coal Bench as a result of which one Smt. Maino Kisko, aged 29 years, a piece rated worker was killed on the spot and two other workers both Overburden removers were buried under the debris. Their bodies were subsequently recovered. Besides three workers who tragically lost their lives, four others were injured and admitted to the Central Hospital, Kalla. They are reported to be out of danger.

Senior Officers of the Eastern Coalfields Ltd. reached the mine as soon as they received the information of