

**Demand for raising royalty on coal**

\*305. SHRI SYED SHAHEDUL-LAH:

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Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item "Remarks of Central Minister 'slenderous' " appearing in the *Patriot* of the 13th June, 1980 refuting his statement that the West Bengal Government had not approached the Centre with the demand for raising royalty on coal;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have received representations from the West Bengal Government regarding raising royalty on coal;

(c) whether the Central Government have replied to the representations made by the West Bengal Government; and

(d) whether any decision has been taken to increase the royalty on coal and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of the news item referred to containing certain statements reported to have been made by the Minister of Finance, Govt. of West Bengal.

(c) and (d) As the issue is still under examination, interim replies have been sent to the Government of West Bengal.

**World Bank loan for irrigation projects**

\*306. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement with the World Bank has been reached recently for loan for irrigation projects;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the amount of loan to be received and within what time schedule?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDE): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement**

(a) Yes, Sir.

Agreements have been signed recently with International Development Association, an affiliate of World Bank, for two irrigation projects namely, Maharashtra Irrigation II Project and Gujarat Irrigation II Project during Bank's Fiscal Year 1980 (July 1979 to June 1980).

(b) and (c) The details are as under:—

Name of the Project	Amount of Credit Assistance (\$ Million)	Date of signing of Agreement	Time Schedule/ Date of closing of Agreement
1 Maharashtra Irrigation II Project (comprising sub-projects namely, Krishna, Kukati, Upper Penganga, Upper Wardha, Warna and Modernisation of Girna and Mula Projects) .	210	14-4-60	5 years (1980-85) 31-12-1985
2 Gujarat Irrigation II Project (comprising sub-projects namely, Damanganga, Karjan, Hcran and Modernisation of Ukai-Kakrapar Irrigation Scheme and development of coastal arc as of Saurashtra.)	775	12-5-80	5 years (1980-85) 30-4-1986