

Oil Refinery at Mangalore

1204. SHRI B. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration for the setting up an oil refinery at Mangalore; and

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

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) Government are looking into the recommendations of an Expert Committee, set up to examine the question of creation of additional refining capacity after 1985-86, which has, inter alia, suggested Mangalore also as one of the possible locations for a new refinery.

Working capacity of collieries under the Coal India Limited

1205. SHRI SURENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of collieries under the Coal India Limited have been working below capacity;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the details of the coal production during each month of 1979 and during each month from January to April, 1980?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Some of the collieries under Coal India Ltd. particularly in Bihar and Bengal area, have been working below capacity. The main reasons for lower utilisation of capacity has been (i) reduced coal out-put due to constraints like inadequate availability of power, uncertain law and order situation, and shortage of other essential inputs.

(c) All India coal production month-wise for the period January 1979 to April 1980 is indicated below:

1979	(million tonnes)
January	9.93
February	9.33
March	11.19
April	7.97
May	7.79
June	7.60
July	8.06
August	7.78
September	7.90
October	7.87
November	8.69
December	9.45
1980	
January	9.91
February	10.09
March	10.84
April	8.90

Black out of news/statements of the opposition party leader

1206. SHRI SURENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Radio and Television blacked out the statements of the opposition parties who, did not attend the meeting convened by the Prime Minister on 31st May, 1980.

(b) whether only the news about the participants in the meeting was made available to the press; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?