

the Working Group on Energy Policy set up by the Planning Commission while submitting the report of the Working Group, had stated in the covering letter that a much larger oil exploration programme is warranted.

(b) No details of stepping up of exploration programme have been given in the Report; nor any figures on investment in oil exploration indicated. However, plans for intensification of oil exploration operations are being drawn up from time to time and are under implementation.

Cancellation of educational and cultural programmes on All India Radio

1211. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH:  
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instructions were issued in April and May, 1980 to cancel the educational and cultural talks fixed on All India Radio earlier in a normal way;

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

(c) what are the names of persons who were to give the talks, the subjects and the dates of broadcast which have been cancelled or postponed due to these instructions; and

(d) what are the details of other programmes broadcast during those days?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Allegations contained in the book "Save Coal India"

1212. SHRI PILOO MODY;  
SHRI R. R. MORARKA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY AND

COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited has completed the examination of the allegations contained in the book "Save Coal India"; if so, with what results; and

(b) whether any action has been taken against the persons who have been held responsible as a result of the allegations contained in the book referred to at (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and would be placed on the Table of the House.

Pension scheme for A.I.R. Staff Artistes

1213. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN:  
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to grant pension to the All India Radio Staff artistes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal for the grant of pension to the Staff Artistes in All India Radio | Doordarshan, who are contract employees, has been formulated on the basis of the corresponding provisions in the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 applicable to regular Government employees, and referred to the Ministry of Finance and the Department of Personnel and A.R. for their concurrence.