

rence would be finalised after considering these suggestion. The vacancies in the membership of the Press Commission will also be filled up.

(c) and (d) The time limit will be indicated when revised terms of reference of the Commission are notified.

Reorganisation of the Coal Industry

343. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to reorganise the coal industry; and

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

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) and (b) Government is reviewing the present organisational set up of Coal India with a view to making it into a more effective instrument for the growth and development of the coal industry in the country.

Appointment of Engineers by the Bihar Government

344. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:
SHRI KRISHNA NAND JOSHI:
SHRI PRAKASH MEHROTRA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 6000 engineers who were given mass employment by the Bihar Irrigation Department in January, 1979, have not yet been assigned any work;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they have drawn salary amounting to Rs. 10 crores for a whole year without doing any work; and

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

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) to (c) Information has been called for from the Bihar Government and will be laid on the Table of the House on receipt.

Disposal of Unserviceable Transformers by DESU

345. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:
SHRI KRISHNA NAND JOSHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that DESU equipment including transformers worth several crores of rupees was disposed of during 1977-78 as being unserviceable;

(b) whether it has been alleged that a conspiracy between the Government officials and the buyers has resulted in heavy losses to DESU; and

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

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) to (c) DESU has reported that some unserviceable equipment including transformers was sold by them during 1977-78, after observing necessary procedural formalities, to the tune of Rs. 40 lakhs (approximately) out of which the sale proceeds of unserviceable/damaged/burnt out transformers accounted for Rs. 6 lacs (approx). Delhi administration has reported that no allegation were received by them involving Government officials and the buyers.

Hindi language programme from Jullundur T.V.

346. SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND:
SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN:
SHRI SUJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what further programmes in Hindi language are proposed to be introduced or have been introduced from Jullundur T. V. station;

(b) whether the programme duration of Jullundur and Amritsar T.V. Stations has been increased; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, which programmes are proposed to be dropped to accommodate these new Hindi language programmes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI V. P. SATHE): (a) Two new Hindi language programmes have been introduced from Jullundur Kendra since its inauguration viz. 'Aaj Kal' and 'Aapne Likha'. Their frequency is once in a week and duration is 15 mts. each.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The programme 'Aaj Kal' actually replaces the programme of the same title earlier obtained from Delhi TV, and is now originated from Jullundur. 'Aapne Likha' has been adjusted by decreasing the duration of 'Chitrahaar', a programme of dance and music sequences from films, by 15 minutes.

Procurement of gas turbines and generators by West Bengal

347. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:

SHRI KRISHNA NAND JOSHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of West Bengal is proposing to place orders for turbines and generators for the proposed fourth unit at Santaldih to a British firm instead of BHEL;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has procured

five Gas Turbines from M/s John Brown Company of U.K. ignoring the public sector, Garden Reach Workshop; and

(c) if so, what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State Electricity Boards proposals was to instal gas turbine generating units which are not manufactured by Garden Reach Workshop or any other indigenous manufacturer.

Shortage of Coal

348. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU:

SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD:

SHRI GHOUSE MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has been facing unprecedented coal shortage recently resulting in acute power crisis in the Industrial Sectors and power houses;

(b) if so, what are the main causes of the coal shortage;

(c) whether the Central Government are considering to import coal;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the coal imports from Australia and Canada for which high price is paid were not upto the specification and what is the quantity of coal which was imported during 1978-79; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to improve the coal production?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY):

(a) and (b) It is a fact that supply of coal to certain sectors during the year