

Cases pending in High Court.-

374. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA.
SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN
ARIF:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases which have been pending in various High Courts for 20 years or more; and

(b) the steps Government have contemplated to augment the strength of the High Courts to expedite disposal of backlog of cases?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIV SHANKAR): (a) A Statement giving the requisite information is attached.

(b) Proposals *or augmenting the Judge strength received from the State Governments are given prompt attention in the Government of India.

Statement

Number of cases pending in various High Courts for 20 years or more.

Name of the High Court	Number of cases pending
1. Allahabad	10
2. Andhra Pradesh	Nil
3. Bombay	1
4. Calcutta	292
5. Delhi —	Nil
6. Gauhati	3
7. Gujarat	Nil
8. Himachal Pradesh	Nil
9. Jammu & Kashmir	Nil
10. Karnataka	Nil
11. Kerala	Nil
12. Madhya Pradesh	3
13. Madras	Nil

Name of the High Court	Number of cases pending
14. Orissa	Nil
15. Patna	Nil
16. Punjab and Haryana	Nil
17. Rajasthan	Nil
18. Sikkim	Nil
TOTAL	309

Loss in Coal India Limited

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ARIF:

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

(a) the loss suffered by Coal India Limited in 1979 and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to increase production in The Coal India Limited?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) According to the provisional unaudited accounts, the loss of Coal India Ltd. during 1979-80 has been estimated at Rs. 135 crores which, is mainly due to unremunerative price of coal which continued upto the middle of July, 1979 when the coal prices were revised and the loss in production because of shortage of power, explosives, etc.

(b) Some of the measures adopted to increase coal production are: —

(1) Attempts are being made to improve power generation in DVC which supplies the bulk of the power to collieries in Eastern India where production has been affected due to power shortage.

(2) Import of explosives has been arranged to cover the gap between demand and indigenous availability.

(3) Instructions have been issued for the allotment of diesel on a priority basis to the Coal Industry.