

(b) what are the details of the decision;

(c) what steps Government are contemplating to ensure that soft coke which is a common man's fuel is available to the consumer without further burdening his pocket; and

(d) how far the increased cost of coal is likely to affect the cost of production of steel?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The Government have not recently appointed any Committee to go into the price structure of coal,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The present notified price of soft coke is lower than the cost of production with a view, to make it available at economic price.

(d) The price of coal has not been revised subsequent to July, 1975.

Supervision of private newspapers by a Board

1289. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring all the private newspapers under the supervision of a Board;

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

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DAL K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Such a step would not be in conformity with Government's commitment to Press freedom.

Deterioration in the standard of news-reading over T.V.

1290. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the deterioration in the standard of the news-reading from the Delhi Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI LAL K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Continuous efforts are being made to improve the standard of news-reading<sup>1</sup> from the Delhi Doordarshan Kendra. The following steps have been taken to ensure that the quality of news-reading improves further:

(i) It has been decided to engage one News Presenter on full-time basis per language bulletin.

(ii) The performance of News Presenters are recorded and played back to them to point out the faults and to suggest improvements.

(iii) A directory of words with exact pronunciation has been compiled and kept for ready reference.

(iv) It is proposed to arrange a crash training course for News Presenters.

(v) Intensive rehearsals are carried out for synchronisation of words with visuals.

'Q' certificate to films

1291. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to give 'Q' certificate to a certain category of films; and

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

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI LAL K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Government have not taken any decision to introduce any category of certification of films by the Board of Film Censors other than the present 'A' and 'U' certification.

Setting up of shipyard in Gujarat

1292, SHRI RAM LAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project report for setting up shipyards in Gujarat is ready;

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

(c) by when Government will announce the decision on setting up of new shipyards on the West-Coast; and

(d) what are the reasons for delay in finalising the decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Only after an investment decision is taken by Government.

(d) A Detailed Project Report is not available yet.

Balloons containing Chinese literature/

1293. SHRIMATI SAROJ  
KHAPARDE: DR.  
V. P. DUTT: SHRI  
NARASINGHA  
PRASAD NANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some balloons containing, inter-alia Chinese literature, cotton clothing, towels, pens and a few tins of cooking medium have recently been found in various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL): (a) In a statement made in the House on 28th July, 1978 I have already mentioned that balloons carrying various articles including tins containing butter like substance and propaganda literature in Chinese have been found in some parts of the country. It is presumed that they originated from Taiwan and were meant for Communist China. The propaganda literature has urged the people of Communist China to rise against the local administration there. The balloons have apparently strayed away from their course due to cross currents of winds.

(z) The balloons along with the literature and other articles carried by them were seized. No other action is under contemplation.

Closure of five collieries under the Eastern Coalfield Limited

1294. SHRI KALYAN ROY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in the 'Coalfield Times' of the 7th July, 1978 published from Dhan. bad, U.D. under the heading "5 collieries under the Eastern Coalfield Limited may close down";

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

(c) whether it is a fact that these five coal mines include Khas Chalbal-pur, New Jemehary Khas, Central Satgram and other coal mines;

(d) what are the names of the coal mines which may close down within next two years and what is the number of workers and employees who will be affected by such closure;

(e) what are the reasons for such closure;