

allowing 10 per cent price preference to all its ancillary units for which they had agreed earlier; and

(b) whether sufficient work load is given to all the ancillary units by the management of the said Vehicle Factory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) No price preference as such is being shown. However, as advised by the Bureau of Public Enterprises, all other factors including price being equal, the Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur is giving preference to the ancillary units.

(b) The Factory management tries to provide sufficient work load to the ancillary units for the items required by the Factory and as a result the value of stores supplied by the ancillary units, has gone up from Rs. 2 lakhs in 1973-74 to Rs. 110.05 lakhs in 1977-78.

Extension of Capital Investment Scheme to backward districts of M.P.

1647. SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA:

SHRI SAWAISINGH
SISODIA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the Central Capital Investment Scheme to all the 36 backward districts of Madhya Pradesh; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Availability of uranium on the Sone river banks in U.P.

1648. SHRI AMAR PROSAD CHAKRAVARTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that uranium has been found on the banks of the Sone river in U.P.; and

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

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): (a) and (b) No uranium occurrence of significance has so far been found along the banks of Sone river in Uttar Pradesh.

French co-operation in nuclear technology

1649. SHRI AMAR PROSAD CHAKRAVARTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have accepted the offer of the Government of France to co-operate in the nuclear technology; and

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

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): (a) and (b) Letters were exchanged in July, 1965, between Commissariat A1 'Energie Atomique, France, and the Atomic Energy Commission of India constituting an agreement for cooperation in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy between the two countries. This agreement is in force and co-operation has been proceeding in a satisfactory manner.

Advertisements by the DAVP

1650. SHRI AMAR PROSAD CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to frame any new set of rules for release of the DAVP advertisements to dailies, monthlies and weeklies;

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

(c) whether Government propose to review the rejected cases before framing the new rules?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under the existing Advertising Policy, it is open to newspapers/periodicals to approach the DAVP for release of Government advertisements as soon as they fulfil the required minimum conditions of circulation, regularity of publication and print area.

Production from coal mines

1651. SHRI BIR CHANDRA DEB BURMAN:

SHRI KALYAN ROY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production from coal mines of the Eastern Coalfield of the Coal India

Ltd. is declining during the last three years;

(b) what is the production of each area and region during the last three years, year-wise till the end of July, 1978;

(c) whether it is a fact that the decline in production is due to the steady decline in production from the under-ground mines because of exhaustion of coal seams and lack of development during the last two years;

(d) what is the production of the underground coal mines and open cast coal mines separately during the last three years in the ECL, year-wise and area-wise; and

(e) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to develop and expand the existing underground coal mines and what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Area wise production during the last three years and in 1978-79 (April-July) was as follows:

Area	1975-76		1976-77		1977-78		1978-79	
	U/G	OC	U/G	OC	U/G	OC	(Both U/G & OC)	
Pandaveswar	2.268	0.021	2.221	0.086	2.166	0.176	0.726	
Bankola	2.135	0.314	2.230	0.340	2.270	0.400	0.782	
Kenda	1.966	0.237	2.024	0.164	1.895	..	0.549	
Kajora	2.297	0.103	2.372	0.254	2.364	0.514	0.776	
Kunustoria	3.066	0.144	2.850	0.504	2.699	0.549	0.833	
Satgram	3.399	0.038	3.219	0.095	2.929	0.095	0.834	
Sripur	2.903	0.007	2.878	0.005	2.392	..	0.644	
Dishergarh	3.044	..	2.952	..	2.706	..	0.814	
Salanpur	0.713	0.684	0.433	1.031	0.374	0.969	0.386	
Mugma	1.764	1.067	1.716	1.091	1.808	0.926	0.843	
TOTAL	23.555	2.625	22.895	3.570	21.603	3.629	7.187	