

Coal mines nationalised by the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Amendment Ordinance

555. SHRI JAMNALAL BERWA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal mines which have been nationalised as a result of the promulgation of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Amendment Ordinance of 29th April, 1976;

(b) the number of coal miners and other employees who have been affected by the Ordinance; and

(c) the manner in which Government purpose to rehabilitate or compensate the persons affected by the Ordinance?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENGERGY (PROF. SIDDHESWAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) No coal mine has been nationalised as a result of the promulgation of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Amendment Ordinance of 29th April, 1976.

Hence the question of payment of compensation or rehabilitation of persons affected does not arise.

India's participation in the Sydney Film Festival

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

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to participate in the Sydney Film Festival scheduled to be held from the 6th to 21st June this year; and

(b) if so, what are the particulars of the feature films which have been selected as India's official entry to the festival?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two feature films namely, 'Jan Aranya' (Bengali) directed by Shri Satyaji Ray and 'Duvidha' (Hindi) directed by Shri Mani Kaul are India's official entries for the Sidney Film Festival.

Sainik School at Siliguri

557. SHRI PRASANJIT BARMAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open a Sainik school at Siliguri in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, by when the Sainik school will be opened there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of new paper plants

558. SHRI S. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up some more paper plants in different States; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what progress has so far been made in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI T.A. PAD): (a) (b) The Hindustan Paper Corporation, a Government of India undertaking, is taking up the setting up of integrated pulp and paper mills in Nangaland and the Now