

are well established design organisation, manufacturing units and specialised construction agencies.

(iii) Most of the steelworks in Japan are coast-based and, as such, receipt of raw materials and despatch of finished products is by sea-going vessels whereas in India considerable time is required for development of infrastructure facilities.

(c) No, Sir. The Steel Authority of India Limited which has been set up for coordinated development of steel and associated input industries is already seized of the problem of maximising steel production from the existing plants and implementation of a programme of expansion of steelmaking capacity.]

109. [Transferred to the 5th March, 1974.]

Stockpile of Coal at pit heads

110. SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY:
SHRI VITHAL GADGIL:
MISS SAROJ PURUSHOT-
TAM KHAPARDE: SHRI
HARSH DEO MALA-
VIYA: SHRI IBRAHIM
KALANIYA: SHRI K. B.
CHETTRI: SHRI SARDAR
AMJAD ALI:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the 'Amrita Bazar Patrika' of 25th December, 1973 to the effect that large coal stocks are lying at pit heads; and

(b) if so, action taken by Government to clear stocks?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A coordinated effort is being made by the coal producing units and Railways to clear pit-head stocks wherever large accumulations have taken place.

111. [Transferred to the 5th March, 1974.]

Coal Gasification Plants

112. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHAN-
KAR ADIVAREKAR: SHRI
M. S. ABDUL KHA-
DER:
SHRIMATI RATHNABAI
SREENIVASA RAO:
SHRIMATI SUMITRA G.
KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish coal gasification plants in big cities;

(b) if so, what are the results of the feasibility study conducted in this regard; and

(c) which are the places where these plants are proposed to be set up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): (a) to (c) The Planning Commission have set up a working group to make a techno-economic study for coal gasification including examination of alternative technologies and location. Details will be available after the report of the working group is received and feasibility studies made in the light of their recommendations.

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113. SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE:
SHRI KRISHAN KANT:
SHRI GURMUKH SINGH
MUSAFIR :
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI V. B. RAJU:
DR. Z. A. AHMED :
SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR r
SHRI J. S. TILAK:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question No. 419 given in the