

(d) whether any criteria has been laid down for suspending the staff ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

THEFT OF COAL FROM RAMPURHAT STATION

1352. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any complaints of theft of coal amounting to 300 wagon-load from Rampurhat Station of the Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, whether proper enquiry has been made in this regard, and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, the findings thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a). No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

SUPPLY OF GAS TO DHUVRAN THERMAL POWER STATION

1353. SHRI I. K. KALANIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of gas to be supplied to be Dhuvaran Thermal Power Station during the current year 1972 as per the contract with the Gujarat Electricity Board;

(b) the quantity of gas supplied to the Station from 1st January to 30th June, 1972;

(c) whether it is a fact that a generating set at Dhuvaran remained closed for short supply of gas; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to ensure full supply of gas to the Station during rest of the year ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE) : (a) No contract for supply of Natural Gas has yet been signed by the Gujarat Electricity Board with the ONGC. As regards the quantity of Natural Gas to be supplied to Dhuvaran Power Station, in view of certain technical constraints on O. N. G. C. regarding production of Gas from Cambay fields, it had been decided that, for the present, ONGC would supply Gas at the rate of about 2.4 lakh cubic metres per day. According to ONGC, this is the most that could be produced from Cambay fields at a steady rate, under the existing conditions, without damaging the gas-fields.

(b) 446.21 lakh cubic metres (i. e. an average of 2.45 lakh cubic metres per day.

(c) and (d). In view of the stipulations made in advance by ONGC and the rate at which it subsequently supplied gas during the first six months of 1972, as indicated in reply to parts (a) and (b) of this Question it cannot be averred that there was a shortfall in supply of gas as far as ONGC was concerned. However, the total requirements of gas at Dhuvaran Power Station were more than what ONGC was technically in a position to supply in the immediate past and for some time to come; thus a generating set at Dhuvaran had remained closed.

ONGC hope to supply at the same rate of about 2.4 lakh cubic metres per day of gas for the remaining part of 1972, barring any unforeseen contingencies or factors beyond their control.

JUTE EXPORTS

1354. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and value of exports of jute and jute products in 1971-72;

(b) the average export price per ton of jute in 1970-71 and 1971-72;

(c) the average export price of hessian per 100 yards in 1970-71 and 1971-72;

(d) foreign exchange earned on account of export of jute and jute products in 1971-72; and