

## STATEMENT

*I. Bengal-Bihar Area and Outlying Coalfields, except Talcher and the Singareni Group of Collieries*

Bengal-Bihar Area (Rs./tonne)		Outlying Coalfields (Rs./tonne)	
Sel. A Grade	39.09	..	
Sel. B Grade	37.62		
Sel. Grade	—	Existing prices	38.35 (increase of Rs. 0.16)
Grade I	34.26		34.26 (decrease of Rs. 0.70)
Grade II	29.55		29.55 (decrease of Rs. 3.32)

*II. Singareni Coalfields*

Ungrated	40.72 (Existing price)
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*III. Talcher Colliery*

Sel. Grade	42.52 (Increase of Rs. 4.33)
Grade I	38.92 (Increase of Rs. 3.96)

## †SUPREME COURT JUDGES

769. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE/विधि और न्याय मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Government propose to increase the number of the Judges of Supreme Court ; and

(b) if so, when the final decision is likely to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE/विधि और न्याय मंत्री (SHRI H.R. GOKHALE) :

(a) and (b) It has been decided to increase the strength of the Supreme Court to 14 Judges (including the Chief Justice) which is the maximum permissible number under Article 124 (1) of the Constitution.

## †JUDICIARY IN DELHI

977. SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIA MENON : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE/विधि और न्याय मंत्री be pleased to state what steps are being taken by Government to have a clear and uncorrupted judiciary in Delhi and to streamline the administration of Justice in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE/विधि और न्याय मंत्री (SHRI H.R. GOKHALE) : Government are aware of the problem and conditions prevailing in the subordinate Courts in Delhi. The Delhi High Court has constituted a Vigilance Cell consisting of two Senior Judges who are taking proper steps in the matter. It will not, however, be in the public interest to disclose the nature of the measures taken or contemplated in this behalf.