

Pakistan has already received or is likely to receive from the Soviet Government and whether the Government of India have approached the Soviet Government to stop such arms supplies to Pakistan :

(b) the type and quantum of arms received by Pakistan from the U. S. A., the U. K., China, the U. S. S. R. and other countries since the 1965 Indo-Pak conflict ; and

(c) what steps have been taken by India to strengthen her Air, Naval and Ground forces in view of the foreign arms supplies to Pakistan ?]

रक्षा मन्त्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) : (क) से (ग) सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 177 दिनांक 11 नवम्बर 1970 तथा अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 1036 दिनांक 2 दिसम्बर को दिए गए उत्तरों की ओर ध्यान आकृष्ट किया जाता है ।

† [THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) to (c) Attention is invited to the answers given in the House to Unstarred Question No. 177 on 11th November 1970 and Unstarred Question No. 1036 on 2nd December, 1970]

SHORTFALL IN COAL PRODUCTION

123. SHRI S. KUMARAN :
SHRI KALAN ROY :
SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the total production of coal by the National Coal Development Corporation in the first six months of the current year was one million tonnes less than the target fixed ;

(b) if so, the reasons for the shortfall in production ; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Corporation to step up coal production ?

† [] English translation.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND NON-FERROUS METALS (SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY) :

(a) Yes, Sir. The actual production of coal during the first six months of the current year was 6.64 million tonnes as against a target of 15.37 m. tonnes fixed by the Corporation for the full year.

(b) The production was restricted so as to match with demand, which was low due to :

(1) continued low off-take of washed coal by the steel plants ;

(2) lack of sufficient orders for Gr. I slick coal particularly in Karanpura area ;

(3) the complete stoppage of movement on the South Eastern Railways for some days in June and July and later on the Eastern Railways in September besides partial dislocation of rail transport over long period during July to September due to strikes and labour troubles on the Railways ; and

(4) heavy rains during August and September, affecting production in a number of mines.

(c) Production will be stepped up when overall coal demand particularly coking coal picks up. The transport problems are discussed then and there with the concerned Railway Authorities who have been requested to take measures to improve the wagon supplies. N.C.D.C. has programmed for a production of about 16 m. tonnes in 1971-72 as against the actuals of about 14 m. tonnes in the current year.

TYPE I QUARTERS IN GOLE MARKET AREA IN NEW DELHI

124. SHRI B. C. PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the type I