

parent company in the U.K. for the setting up of a net-work of oxygen plants in the country during the Third Plan period. Government have, however, received a few applications from Indian Oxygen and other concerns for either expansion of their existing undertaking or for setting up a new plant, which are being considered.

WOMEN EMPLOYED IN PENCH VALLEY COALFIELDS

386. DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women employed in the PENCH Valley Coalfields in the month of June, 1958, 1959 and up to the end of October, 1960;

(b) the number of women employed in the coalfields in the month of November, 1960; and

(c) the number of women working in (i) Messrs. Shaw Wallace and Co., (ii) C.P. Syndicate, and (iii) the Newton Chickli Colliery of Chindwara District in the months of March, July and November, 1960?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT AND PLANNING (SHRI L. N. MISHRA):

(a) 1958—June . . .	1,387
1959—June . . .	1,276
July . . .	1,163
August . . .	1,170
September . . .	1,248
October . . .	1,185
November . . .	1,163
December . . .	1,291
1960—	
January . . .	1,266
February . . .	1,356
March . . .	1,351
April . . .	1,289
May . . .	1,251
June . . .	1,197
July . . .	1,182

August . . .	1,145
September . . .	1,185
October . . .	1,216

(b) As all the monthly returns of employment for November, 1960 have not been received, the information asked for is not available.

(c) Shaw Wallace & Co., C. P. Syndicate Newton Chickli

March 1960 . . .	794	66	176
July 1960 . . .	710	64	149

November 1960—Monthly return of employment have not been received.

CONTRACT LABOUR IN THE CHINDWARA DISTRICT COLLIERIES

387. DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of contract labour employed at present in the Chindwara District Collieries apart from Coalfield Recruitment Organisation Labour; and

(b) the number of this labour with (i) Messrs Shaw Wallace and Co., (ii) Newton Chickli, (iii) C.P. Syndicate, and (iv) Trivedy Colliery at Hodawadi Khurd?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT AND PLANNING (SHRI L. N. MISHRA):

(a) The present figure is not available but in 1959, the average daily number was 1,390.

(b) (i) 30.

(ii) Nil.

(iii) Nil.

(iv) There is no such mine. But the average daily number of contract labour employed at the coal mines of J. A. Trivedi and Bros. was 360 and that at the mine of A. L. Trivedi was nil.