

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Ministry of Power vide their letter dated 14.6.2011 has, inter-alia, recommended the application of Karnataka Power Corporation Limited for setting up 2 x 800 MW power project at Godhna, Chhattisgarh, to be placed before the Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) for grant of long term coal linkage.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The recommendations of Ministry of Power are yet to be placed before the Inter-Ministerial Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) for Power to consider authorization of Letters of Assurance (LoAs) for 12th Plan power projects. Since no decision on convening of this meeting has been taken, it may not be possible at this stage to indicate any time frame for taking a decision.

#### **Casual employees in AIR and DD**

\*378. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casual talents/employees engaged by All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD);

(b) the wages paid to them on assignment basis;

(c) when the rates of wages were last revised; and

(d) on what basis these are fixed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) Prasar Bharati operates through its 1964 field units scattered all over the country where casual talents/employees are engaged. The information is being compiled by Prasar Bharati and will take time. The same will be laid on the Table of the House thereafter.

#### **Recruitment of consultants in CSIR laboratories**

\*379. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) laboratories across the country, particularly in Hyderabad, have engaged retired officers as consultants according to their choice;