

(b) The steps being taken by the Government to rectify the situation, *inter-alia*, are:

- (i) Concerted efforts are underway by Coal India Ltd. to enhance production of domestic coal beyond current year's targets.
- (ii) Power utilities have been advised to use imported coal wherever necessary.
- (iii) The availability of coal is being regularly monitored closely at the highest level in the Government.

As a result of the above measures, the monthly materialization of coal supply from domestic sources to NTPC power plants has increased to 96% during July, 2014 as compared to 82% during June, 2014. NTPC has also imported 9.26 lakh tonne of coal during July, 2014.

Universal coverage of NSAP

*462. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes universal coverage of pension schemes under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to include more socially and economically deprived people under NSAP, especially single women in Madhya Pradesh and indexing the quantum of assistance to annual inflation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) and (b) At present, there is no such proposal under consideration of Government.

(c) A Task Force was constituted under the Chairmanship of Member, Planning Commission, to prepare a proposal for Comprehensive National Social Assistance Programme. The Task Force considered all the issues, demands and suggestions relating to social assistance/security, received from various quarters and submitted its report, *inter-alia*, recommending, expanding the scope of coverage, including more socially and economically deprived people especially single women and indexing the quantum of assistance to annual inflation in the entire country, including Madhya Pradesh. Further action has been initiated keeping in view the recommendations of the Task Force.