

for Ultra Mega Power Projects). In case of 42 coal blocks (37 producing and 05 likely to come under production), cancellation shall take effect from 31.03.2015.

For management and re-allocation of cancelled coal blocks, Government has promulgated 'the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Ordinance, 2014' on 21.10.2014 to ensure smooth transfer of rights, title and interests in the mines/blocks alongwith its land and other associated mining infrastructure to the new allottees to be selected through an auction or allotment to government company, as the case may be. The allocation of coal blocks would now be made in pursuance of the provisions of Ordinance and Rules made thereunder in a time bound manner to ensure that there is no disruption in supply of coal. The auction of coal blocks is decided to be carried out in e-auction mode in order to keep the process transparent.

#### **Publication of Devolution Index**

\*113. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Devolution Index for 2013 has been, or is likely to be, released and if not, by when; and

(b) whether the Ministry proposes to continue publishing bi-annual reports on the state of Panchayats?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI CHAUDHARY BIRENDER SINGH): (a) The Devolution Index for the year 2013-14 has been published. Soft copy of the report is available on the website of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

(b) No proposal for publishing bi-annual reports on the state of panchayats is under consideration in the Ministry.

#### **Irregularities in Mid Day Meal Scheme**

†\*114. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale irregularities have come to the light in the quality of food being served to children under the Mid Day Meal Scheme in the schools of the Capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of samples taken for quality testing of food under the Scheme by

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.