

**Mines operated by UCIL**

2400. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) is a corporation under the Department;

(b) whether this is also a fact that this corporation is responsible for all the mining of radioactive materials in the country; and

(c) if so, the details of mines being operated by UCIL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) is engaged only in mining and processing of uranium ore in the country.

(c) UCIL operates seven uranium mines at Bagjata, Jaduguda, Bhatin, Narwapahar, Turamdih, Bandhuhurang and Mohuldih in Jharkhand State. A mine is also being operated by UCIL at Tummalapalle in Andhra Pradesh under a project.

**Infrastructural bottlenecks of NER**

2401. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the infrastructural bottlenecks identified in the North Eastern Region (NER); and

(b) the projects/programmes taken up to remove those bottlenecks during the last three years and the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Difficult and hilly terrain, geographical location and short working season of the North Eastern Region (NER) pose a challenge to development of optimal infrastructure and communication links within the region and with the rest of the country. The infrastructural bottlenecks *inter alia* include inadequate road and railway connectivity, power transmission and distribution, telecom connectivity and absence of airports in the States.

(b) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, under its Special Accelerated Road Development Programme–North East (SARDP-NE), out of 1427 km, 989 km roads have been completed during the last three years and the current year.