

- (8) To integrate environmental and social mitigation measures with mine development plans.

(b) The following steps are being taken to increase the productivity:

- (i) Rationalization of manpower deployment;
- (ii) Introduction of suitable mechanization depending on the geo-mining conditions;
- (iii) Optimization of district, reorganization of layout;
- (iv) Optimization of utilization of inputs;
- (v) Improvement in working conditions through better ventilation etc. and
- (vi) Provision of welfare and health care of coal worker.

Start of new coal mines by W.C.L.

†288. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Western Coalfield Limited has given a proposal to start new coal mines near Sarani Coalfield;

(b) whether this will help in providing coal as per the need of thermal power plants in M.P. that are not getting sufficient coal, particularly Sarani Plant; and

(c) whether Government propose to providing help in starting soon the above said two coal mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Western Coalfield Limited has been supplying coal as per the requirement of Sarani TPS. Coal from the two new mines can be supplied to Sarani TPS subject to acceptance of the coal prices of Western Coalfield Limited by Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board.

(c) No, Sir.

Encroachment of Defence land

†289. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.