Underground Distribution Networks in Municipal Corporations and Nagarpalikas

Based on proposals received from States for strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution network, including underground distribution networks in urban towns, Projects worth Rs.25,838 crore have been sanctioned so far,

Auctioning of Coal Blocks

So far, 82 coal mines have been allocated by way of auction / allotment under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 and the Rules made thereunder. Of these 82 coal mines, 31 have been allocated through eauction and 51 by way of allotment. This was stated by Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal & New and Renewable Energy and Mines in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha today.

<u>Sports Minister Vijay Goel Felicitates</u> <u>Indian Contingent of Special Athletes,</u> <u>World Winter Games 2017</u>

Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Vijay Goel here today felicitated special athletes, their coaches and officials who returned to India after successful participation in the World Winter Games in Austria from 14th-25th March 2017.

Tribal Art and Craft

The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) which is a cooperative society registered under the Multi-State

Cooperative Societies Act and is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, has been implementing the scheme namely "Institutional Support for Development and Marketing of Tribal Products/Produce" to protect and conserve tribal art and craft in the country.

Forest Right Committees

As per 'The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFDs) (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006' (in short FRA) and rules there under, responsibility for implementation of the Act lies with the States/UTs.