

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ . . . . .

अध्यक्ष महोदय : नेक्स्ट क्वैस्टियन ।

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** You promised to give me a chance for supplementaries.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मिनिस्टर साहब ने काफी लम्बा और डिटेल्ड स्टेटमेंट दिया है । अब काफी हो गया है ।

**Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Our names are in the question. We have not had a chance.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : जब कोई सदस्य सवाल लिख कर देता है, तो उसको सप्ली-मेंटरीज पूछने का मौका मिलना चाहिए ।

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#### Coal Prices

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\*481. { **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**  
**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government to raise the coal prices; and

(b) if not, what other measures Government propose to take to provide incentive to the producers of coal?

**The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) Details of the increase notified with effect from 13-6-1962 are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House in reply to Starred Question No. 1516 on 18th June 1962.

(b) Besides the increase in prices already announced, the Government has liberalised the scheme of stowing assistance and is also considering the question of liberalisation of assistance to collieries handicapped by adverse conditions and grant of loans on easy terms.

**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** Apart from the rise in the prices and other incentives which the hon. Minister mentioned, what has been done to solve the transport problem, which is a bottleneck in the way of increased coal production?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** The transport question is besides the price increase. This question has been specifically put with regard to increase in price.

**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** After this price rise and the new incentives, may I know whether the production in the Government collieries has increased by 50 or 60 per cent?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** We expect that there will be a rise in the production of coal, and we are now working on the exact pattern of increase that is likely to result from these concessions.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या यह सही है कि मंत्री जी ने कोयले की कीमत के बारे में जो नीति निर्धारित की है, उसका नतीजा यह हो रहा है कि बिहार में जिस कीमत पर कोयला मिलेगा, बम्बई में कोयला उससे सम्ने दाम पर मिलेगा ?

श्री के० दे० मालवीय : ऐसा तो मुझे नहीं मालूम पड़ता । बम्बई में कोयले का दाम बिहार में कुछ ज्यादा होगा, क्योंकि ट्रांसपोर्ट का भी दाम बढ़ जाता है ।

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** May I know if the hon. Minister is aware that apart from the irregular supplies of coal in the Capital, the quality of coal which is being supplied is very inferior and defective?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** As and when our attention is drawn to the bad quality of coal, we take necessary steps. The difficulty is that here some of the merchants are in direct contact with the collieries, and they make their own purchases, and therefore, Government are not able to find out how control on quality can be main-

tained by them. As I said, we are trying our best to maintain the quality.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** May I know whether the attention of the hon. Minister has been drawn to the fact that the increase is working in favour of a particular grade of coal rather than in favour of B or other grades of coal?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** Yes, Sir; that was the intention also. Because the objective of this price increase was to give preference to more production of higher quality coal. Government are also considering proposals to see that the lowgrade, that is, grade II and III coal are also produced according to the requirements of the country.

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** Along with improving things all round, may I know whether production at the base has improved according to the requirements of the country?

**Mr. Speaker:** This relates to coal prices; that is another question.

**Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Has the Government formulated any policy or criteria for fixing the price of coal? Can the Minister give these criteria to us?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** The entire question of price fixation of coal, its criteria, etc. is under examination. A committee on grading was appointed and it has submitted its report just now. We are engaged in deciding upon the policy of the Government on that report. Presumably, the intention is to relate the price of coal to the quality of coal basically.

**श्री बड़े :** मध्य प्रदेश में टर्कों से जो कोयला जाता था कालियरीज से, उसको ले जाना बन्द कर दिया गया है और कोटे के रिफालिग की वजह से और कोटा कम कर दिये जाने की वजह से वहाँ पर कोयले की इंसिड बढ़ गई है. क्या यह सच है ?

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** कोटा का ताल्लक इस सवाल से नहीं है ।

**श्री बड़े :** उसके कारण प्राइसिस . . .

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** वह दूसरा सवाल है ।

**श्री बड़े :** टर्को से ले जाना बन्द कर दिया गया है, इसलिये

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**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Is it true that the employers agreed to increase the wages of the coal mine workers in case coal price was increased? If so, has the wage been increased?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** No, Sir. Wages are under separate examination. After the question of wages has been fully examined the price structure of coal is likely to be revised again.

**Shri Daji:** After the price increase are the coal employers satisfied or are they also succumbing to the line of the Indian Chamber of Commerce for further increase? What will be the Government's policy about it?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** So far as the representatives of the coal mines are concerned, they come to us and they have indicated their satisfaction but there are at times news appearing in the Press which go to show that there are other people who want to speak on their behalf indicating their dissatisfaction. We are not aware, as a result of this direct conference, that there is any great dissatisfaction although on some points here and there, mine-owners are still making representations on certain counts. All these questions are under active consideration of Government.

#### Violation of Air Space by China

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- \*482. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shri Bhakt Darshan:**  
**Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:**  
**Shri D. N. Tiwary:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that some more incidents of violation of Indian