

Mr. Speaker: That is a suggestion for action. Shri Tyagi.

Shri Tyagi: My question has been partly covered. I wanted to know if the Government are taking any steps to revise their scheme so as to do away with any avoidable expenditure, and whether this item comes under that category or not.

Mr. Speaker: A good suggestion.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know when this Committee was appointed and when it is likely to start work?

Shri Mehr Chand Khanna: The Committee has already started its work. We appointed a Sub-Committee on the 30th August, 1962—hardly two months ago. That committee is doing its work very strenuously.

Power and Transport

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Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:
Shri Harish Chandra
Mathur:
 *9. { **Shri R. G. Dubey:**
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:
Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:
Shri Morarka:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has given further thought to the two bottlenecks in the economy viz., power and transport;

(b) whether any suggestions have been forwarded in this regard by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry; and

(c) whether concrete proposals have been formulated to mitigate the shortages in the two sectors?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment and for Planning (Shri C. E. Pattabhi Raman): (a) to (c). At a meeting held

on October 13, 1962, the Planning Commission reviewed with the representatives of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry the recommendations made by the Transport and Power Conference held under the auspices of the Federation from September 21 to September 23. In the light of the discussions, the Ministry of Railways are working out a scheme for organising movements in full train loads of commodities requiring bulk transport, specially, coal, cement, fertilizers, products of steel plants, food-grains (on trade account) and sugar (for export).

In regard to Power, the action already in hand was explained to the representatives of the Federation.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Part (c) of the question has not been answered. May I know the concrete action taken or to be taken by the Government to overcome the increasing volume of trade and economic activities that are still not covered by power and transport?

Shri C. E. Pattabhi Raman: So far as the increase in power is concerned, there are various items. The installed capacity has risen to 5.5 million kw. at the end of the Second Plan from 2.3 million kw. at the end of the First Plan. One factor is the stress on thermal generation. Secondly, there is the need for strengthening the technical personnel; thirdly, provision of furnace oil. National grid is another item. Finally, duty on electricity is also a matter which has to be gone into.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know what portion of the increasing volume of economic activity of the country will be covered by the activities of the Government and what portion will be left uncovered by power and transport?

Shri C. E. Pattabhi Raman: So far as the industrial needs are concerned, the power demands are met as

nearly as possible. So far as transport is concerned, which is a connected subject, it has already been answered.

श्री भक्त बर्षान : श्रीमन्, मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि फेडरेशन ने कौन से ठोस सुझाव दिये हैं और वर्तमान कार्यक्रम की उसने कौन सी आलोचना की है ?

योजना तथा धन और रोजगार मंत्री (श्री नन्दा) : फेडरेशन की एक कॉफ़ेस हुई थी, उस में उन की तरफ से कुछ सुझाव रखे गये थे। फिर उन के प्रतिनिधि हम से प्लानिंग कमिशन में मिले भी। उन के सुझावों पर विचार किया गया, कुछ फैसले भी किये गये, और जो फैसले किये गये उन पर अमल किया जा रहा है। ट्रान्सपोर्ट के सम्बन्ध में यह हुआ है कि हर महीने उनके साथ बातचीत होती है। हर इंडस्ट्री की तरफ से ए मन्थ इन ऐडवान्स उन का प्रोग्राम आ जाता है ताकि रेलवे अच्छी तरह से उस का इन्तजाम कर सके। इस तरह से यह काम होता है ताकि बाक्स वैगन्स और ट्रेन फुल लोड जायें और ट्रेन्स में लोडिंग और अनलोडिंग प्वाइंट्स कम हो जायें। इस तरह की बहुत सी बातें हैं।

Shri R. G. Dubey: May I know whether it is a fact that due to lack of proper planning sometimes power resources go waste? Has the Minister of Co-ordination made any specific suggestions to tackle this problem?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: There are suggestions not only from the Minister of Co-ordination but also from the sub-committee of the Planning Commission working on this.

Shri Vasudevan Nair: May I know whether there is any likelihood of any of the power projects being pruned or dropped in view of the new emergency which has arisen? If not, may I know whether all the power projects in hand would be pushed through during the Third Plan?

Shri Nanda: Not only is there no question of pruning the Plan but, so far as it lies in our power, we would like to expand our power supply.

Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri: Apart from the long-term suggestions put forward by the Federation, what specific action has been taken on the short-term proposals in regard to the removal of bottlenecks made by the Federation?

Shri Nanda: Long-term programmes did not figure very much there. It was action which was called for immediately which was being considered. We hope that all those steps would be taken and, with the co-operation of industry, they would be accelerated.

Shri A. P. Jain: If I understood the hon. Minister correctly, he has done something with regard to the railways. But transport is much wider than railways. Has anything been done with regard to coastal shipping, road transport, riverine transport etc. and, if so, how much of these activities are intended to be co-ordinated?

Shri Nanda: These things are also being considered. For example, take the despatch of coal. In recent months there has been improvement in the movement of coal not only by rail but also by road. Coastal shipping has also come into play and the targets have been increased and provisions have been made for them.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: In view of the recurrent break-down, verging on a crisis, of power and the woeful inadequacy of transport, with which Delhi and many other cities are familiar, what steps have been taken or are being taken to put these vital sectors of the national economy on a war footing, now that we are in the midst of a war, undeclared though it be?

Shri Nanda: I do not know what the hon. Member said towards the end of his question, but I can tell him that to improve the operational

efficiency of our plants various steps are being taken. Teams have gone round the country and suggestions have come forth which are being put into action.

Shri Iqbal Singh: May I know whether some survey was conducted with regard to transport facilities and whether only 64 per cent of the road transport facilities were being utilised? If it is so, what action has been taken by the Planning Commission?

Shri Nanda: So far as a detailed answer to this question is concerned, I shall need notice.

Dr. K. L. Rao: May I know whether Government is considering shortening the present procedures which are the main cause for the delay in the progress of the power projects?

Shri Nanda: As I said, teams went round the country and brought several suggestions. This is one of those suggestions.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Apart from the real and intrinsic shortages which can be met only by more generation and other things, may I know as to what has been suggested and done by way of better utilisation of the present resources? Were any suggestions made regarding better utilisation of the present resources which is not there because of administrative deficiencies?

Shri Nanda: Yes, Sir. One of the very important directions in which steps are now being taken is to have a co-ordinated operation, that is, extension of the grid system in regions, and also to move on towards an All-India grid system.

Synthetic Drug Factory at Hyderabad

*10. **Shri Kolla Venkaiah:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the Synthetic Drug Factory at Hyderabad has commenced;

(b) if so, when it will go into production; and

(c) if not, why not?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Early in 1966.

(c) Does not arise.

Shri Kolla Venkaiah: May I know the capacity of the factory and whether any recruitment of officers and staff has taken place and, if so, the number of people from each State?

Shri Kanungo: Apprentices have been recruited not specifically for this plant but for the whole operation of the project. The first batch of them is now under training and by early next year they will be sent out to USSR.

स्कूलों में टेलीविजन

*११ { श्री भक्त दर्शन :
श्री भागवत मा आजाद :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री ३० अगस्त, १९६२ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ७०५ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली में टेलीविजन के द्वारा शिक्षा देने का जो कार्यक्रम चल रहा है क्या उसका वैज्ञानिक अध्ययन उस बीच समाप्त हो गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उससे कौन से निष्कर्ष निकले हैं ; और

(ग) उन निष्कर्षों के अनुसार क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री शाम नाथ) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) फ़ोर्ड फ़ाऊन्डेशन के सलाहकार से, जिन्होंने इस बारे में अध्ययन कार्य किया है, रिपोर्ट का इन्तजार किया जा रहा है ।

(ग) सवाल नहीं उठता ।