

दिन में फैसला हो जायेगा और हम काम जल्दी शुरू कर देंगे ।

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** I want to know whether it is a fact that in the ordnance factories—there are 19 ordnance factories—which are manufacturing arms and ammunitions there is shortage of coal; if so, what steps the Government have taken to see that these ordnance factories do not suffer round-the-clock work on account of shortage of coal?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** I do not think there is any shortage of coal.

**Shri Hem Barua:** In view of the fact that the hon. Minister has suggested to the Prime Minister to the effect that the coal industry should be nationalised in the interest of our economy and in order to avoid scarcity, may I know what steps have been taken so far or are proposed to be taken?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is a matter of wide policy.

**श्री यशपाल सिंह :** सवाई माधोपुर की सीमेंट फैक्टरी ने क्या कोई इस तरह की शिकायत फोटों के साथ भेजी है कि बैंगल आघे भरे आते हैं ?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is going too much into details.

**श्री काशी राम गुप्त :** क्या उन उद्योगों को प्राथमिकता दी जायेगी जो इस समय लड़ाई में काम आने वाला सामान तैयार कर रहे हैं, कोयले की सप्लाई के सम्बन्ध में ?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is a suggestion for action.

**Shri Bishwanath Roy:** May I know whether in view of the large number of sugar factories and the headquarters of the N.E. Railway in Eastern U.P., any attempt is being made to set up a coal dump in Eastern U.P.?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is going into minor details.

**श्री तुलशी दास जाधव :** कोयला न मिलने की वजह से क्या कोई कारखाना बन्द भी हुआ है क्या ?

**श्री के० दे० मालवीय :** मुझे मालूम नहीं ।

**Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:** May I know what further steps Government have taken to give the necessary financial assistance to Singareni collieries to increase coal production in the coal fields?

**Shri K. D. Malaviya:** That does not arise out of this question.

Some Hon. Members rose—

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question. We have spent 14 minutes on two questions. I will allow only two or three supplementaries on each question.

**Geological Survey in West Bengal**

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\*176. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri Shree Narayan Das:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri N. R. Laskar:**  
**Shri B. K. Das:**

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

(a) whether any geological survey was conducted in the foot-hills of the Eastern Himalayas in West Bengal recently;

(b) if so, the result of the survey; and

(c) whether the survey is still carried on or has been abandoned?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Thimmatah):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The survey has brought to light the occurrences of dolomite, coal, and copper in the area. A reserve of 6096 million tonnes of dolomite of very high quality has been estimated in the Jainti area of Jalpaiguri district West Bengal. A reserve of 20:32 million tonnes of non-coking, flaky

coal has been estimated in the foothills of the Darjeeling district. The copper ore occurrences in Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri districts have been found to be sporadic.

(c) The survey is being continued.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** The Parliamentary Secretary just now stated that deposits of dolomite. . .

**Mr. Speaker:** Why should he repeat what he has stated and take the time of the House? He remembers well what he has stated just now.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** May I know what steps Government have taken to exploit all the reserves?

**Shri Thimmaiah:** The detailed investigation of dolomite occurrences in Jalpaiguri District was carried out during 1959-62 on the basis of which the deposits have been demarcated for exploitation by Hindustan Steel Limited.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** May I know whether any person has applied for the lease of these coal and dolomite deposits?

**Shri Thimmaiah:** It is not to our knowledge. I want notice for that.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether Cooch-Bihar District which is by the side of Jalpaiguri District has also been surveyed?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Mines and Fuel (Shri Hajarnavis):** We do not have information about that at present with us.

**Shri Manaan:** In which part of Darjeeling District has coal been found and, would the hon. Parliamentary Secretary please tell us, what is the quality of coal that has been found?

**Mr. Speaker:** That is going into too much of detail, I suppose.

**Shri Tyagi:** It is black coal!

**Shri Hajarnavis:** I cannot specify the exact part in Darjeeling District. The quality is non-coking and plaky.

### Import of Furnace Oil

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Shri Bibhuti Misra:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri N. R. Laskar:  
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:  
Shri Daji:  
Shri Indrajit Gupta:  
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Shri Mohsin:  
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:  
Shri Bhakt Darshan:  
Shri S. B. Patil:  
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:  
Shri Mate:  
Shri Morarka:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Managing Director of Indian Oil Company visited U.S.S.R. for talks with the U.S.S.R. Government for import of furnace oil; and

(b) if so, the results of the talk?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Thimmaiah):** (a) and (b). As a result of his visit to the U.S.S.R., the Managing Director, Indian Oil Company Limited, has been able to arrange for the import of additional quantities of furnace oil needed by the Company.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : फरनेस आयल कितनी मात्रा में मंगाया है और उसकी पर टा क्या कामत होगी ?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Mines and Fuel (Shri Hajarnavis):** So far as the quantity is concerned, I think the figure will have to be determined from time to time. As regards the price, it is something which is not disclosed by any company.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या यह कोई ऐसा मेटर है कि जिसको डिसक्लोज न किया (Interruptions.)

**Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:** What? The price cannot be disclosed?