

represented here inside Parliament. That is how I take it.

Shri Hem Barua: He referred to difficulties created by Parliament.

Mr. Speaker: That should not be the apt answer; it is not a hurdle it is rather a help.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur rose—

Mr. Speaker: I feel that his question is too wide a question to be answered in the question hour Shri Maheshwar Naik.

Shri Maheshwar Naik: May I know why the Government did not think it fit to include Delhi while formulating the Government of Union Territories Bill?

Mr. Speaker: It is arguing the case.

Shri D. C. Sharma: For purposes of formation of the administrative set-up may I know whether Delhi and New Delhi will constitute one unit or Delhi will be different from New Delhi?

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri: This also will be considered while framing the proposal.

Foreign Exchange Requirements for N.C.D.C.

*502. **Shri J. B. S. Bist:** Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Finance Ministry has proposed reduction of foreign exchange requirements of the National Coal Development Corporation by more than 50 per cent; and

(b) if so, the extent of this reduction and its effect on the projects to be undertaken by the corporation?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). No, Sir. There is no proposal to reduce the foreign exchange requirements of the National Coal Development Corporation.

Shri J. B. S. Bist: May I know if any new projects are contemplated by

the Corporation and if so, in which States?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: No, Sir. There is new project under contemplation. Whatever schemes have been put in the Third Plan will be implemented and we are trying to see that those schemes go through within the plan period.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: Is it a fact that over six lakh tons of coal have accumulated at the pit heads of the NCDC mines? In view of this, is there any scheme, as reported in a section of the Press, to slow down the tempo of production?

Mr. Speaker: The question is about foreign exchange.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: It may be connected with the production level.

Mr. Speaker: How? I do not follow it.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: They cannot clear the pit-head stocks.

Mr. Speaker: So, they may require foreign exchange?

Shri Indrajit Gupta: I do not know I am asking a question.

Mr. Speaker: Shrimati Sharda Mukerjee.

Shrimati Sharda Mukerjee: May I know if the National Coal Development Corporation has any scheme for increasing the import of coke because as the right type of coke is not available the production of steel is affected?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: No, Sir. I do not accept the views of the hon. Member that because of the non-availability of the right type of coal steel production has been affected. There is a proposal from the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries to examine the question whether some better quality of coke could be imported economically for certain type of steel production, but we are not aware of any decision being taken by them or having been sent to us.