

Superior Grade Coal

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- *536. { Shri Yashpal Singh:
 { Shri Bishanchander Seth:
 { Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been taken in regard to import of superior grade coal from abroad; and

(b) if so, the quantity and value of coal to be imported in this respect?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : जो अच्छो कोयला है, उसकी इस वक्त कितनी कमी है हमारे देश में ?

श्री प्र० चं० सेठी : कमी की फ़िज़ाज़ तो इस समय मेरे पास नहीं हैं। लेकिन जो अटालजिकल कोल है, उसकी कमी है।

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): It is not because there is less of coal, but the quality of coking coal that we have is rather not good and that is why we are considering whether we cannot get high grade coal and blend it so that the quality may improve.

श्री यशपालसिंह : हम किस फ़ारेन की से बातचीत कर रहे हैं ? जिस कोयले की कमी है, उस कोयले को कहां से मंगाने का विचार है ?

श्री प्र० चं० सेठी : यू० एस० ए० से और आस्ट्रेलिया से जो कोयला आया है, उसके नमूने की जांच हो रही है।

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware that due to scarcity of quality coal there is a lot of mixing up going on and whosoever buys superior grade

coal always gets some inferior coal also along with it?

Mr. Speaker: This is a question about import.

Shri C. Subramaniam: That question may better be addressed to the Ministry of Mines and Fuel.

Machine Tool Factory

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- *537. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 { Shri A. K. Gopalan:
 { Shri P. Kunhan:
 { Shri R. S. Pandey:
 { Shri D. C. Sharma:
 { Shri Yashpal Singh:
 { Shri Bishanchander Seth:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised their decision with regard to the setting up of another machine tool factory in the public sector;

(b) whether the possibility of locating the same in Kerala State has been duly considered and finally approved; and

(c) when the initial process of construction will start and how long the factory will take to reach the stage of production?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) and (b). Government have decided to set up a machine tool factory in the Kerala State; efforts are being made to secure foreign exchange for this project.

(c) Construction work will commence when necessary land is made available by the State Government and production is expected to start in about 2½ years thereafter.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Will this factory be set up with any foreign collaboration; if so, may I know which is that country?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): This will be set up by the H.M.T. No.