

### 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 अच्छी 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 मेटालर्जिकल 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.

doubt, we will have to get some machinery from outside, but from which source the machinery will be obtained will depend upon the foreign exchange available.

**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** How much money will be invested in this factory and what will be the total production capacity?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** In the first phase, 1,000 machines per annum will be produced, which will need an investment of Rs. 7.50 crores out of which Rs. 1.75 crores would be in foreign exchange.

**Shri A. K. Gopalan:** What will be the employment potential of that factory?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** In the initial stages, about 3,000 persons would be employed. When the production is doubled, it is expected that it would employ 6,500 persons.

**Shri Kunhan:** May I know whether any site has been selected for locating this factory in Kerala?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** Not yet.

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : विदेशी विनिमय जो प्राप्त किया जा रहा है वह रुपी पेमेंट बैसिस पर होगा या दूसरी तरह का होगा ? किस फर्म से कोलंबोरेशन किया जा रहा है ?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** I have already stated that ultimately the availability of foreign exchange would decide the source from which we will be importing the machines.

**Shri R. S. Pandey:** May I know whether any technical know-how has been invited with regard to this plant from Japan?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** Yes, to the extent necessary foreign technical know-how would be obtained?

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या काइटीरिया रखा गया स्टेट सिलेक्ट करने का ? जहाँ थाप एलोकट कर रहे हैं, उसके लिये थापने क्या काइटीरिया रखा है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अब तो सिलेक्शन हो गया। अगर तय किया जाना होता तब काइटीरिया की बात उठती।

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** May I know whether conventional type of machines would be manufactured or some specialisation would also be there?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** The types which would be manufactured are horizontal boring machines, radial drills, production jig borers, jig boring machines and special purpose machines.

**Shri Maniyangadam:** May I know whether any steps are being taken for training personnel in the factory that is going to be set up?

**Shri C. Subramaniam:** Yes, all the necessary steps would be taken. Just now, the project has been sanctioned.

#### Liberal Licensing Policy

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 { Shri Yashpal Singh:  
 Shri Morarka:  
 \*538. { Shri Buta Singh:  
 Shri Himatsingka:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any approach has been made to Government by industrial and commercial circles for a liberal licensing policy of new enterprises to re-activate the economy; and

(b) whether the matter has been examined and decision taken?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.