Shri Humayun Kabir: If the hon. Member refers to the items I mentioned, that will make it clear why different rates have been fixed. Obviously, teacher training is the basic thing. If we can get a sufficient number of trained teachers, the problem of illiteracy will be solved. So, we are giving 100 per cent assistance there. Similarly, because girls are not coming up in sufficient numbers, we are giving 100 per cent for girls education. So, we have definite criteria for determining these proportions.

Shri Tyagi: May I take it that the U.P. Government has not yet approached the Central Government for any grant-in-aid for the purpose of spreading the educational facilities in the State?

Shri Humayun Kabir: No, Sir. That would be unfair to the U.P. Government. What we want is they should be more specific.

Shri Tyagi: Have they not received any request from U.P.?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I will have to look into this.

Coal Deposits in Mirzapur District

•611. Shri Bibhuti Mishra: Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that according to the Geological Survey of India there is a vast deposit of Coal in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken to exploit the said coal deposits so far?

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

(b) The Central Government has notified an area of 20.65 square miles (58:50 sq. kilometers) in the coal field and prospecting work has commenced. The National Coal Development Corporation has a programme to open

and develop mines in this area after the prospecting work is completed.

Shri Bibhuti Mishra: What is the estimated coal deposit there?

Shri Thimmaiah: It is 1,074 million tonnes in Mirzapur District.

Shri Bibhuti Mishra: What is the quality of the coal to be found there?

Shri Thimmaiah: There are four or five parts. In Purewa Top and Purewa Bottom, the coal is of inferior grade. In the Turra area, the seam has deteriorated to Grade II, (it is Grade I in the Madhya Pradesh area). In Kota, it is Grade I. There are two seams overlying Purewa top seam, which contain Grade III coal.

Shri Bibhuti Mishra: May I know by what time Government is expecting to dig out the coal?

Shri Thimmaiah: As I said, after the prospecting work is completed, the NCDC will take it up.

श्री कज विहारी मेहरोता: क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या इन क्षेत्रों से कोयला लाने के लिए रेलवे लाइन श्रीर सड़कें बनाने का इन्तजाम हो गया है ?

Shri Thimmaiah: I think this will be part of the taking out of coal from the Singrauli mines. I do not have information about the laying of railway lines.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Has Government finally decided that it is commercially profitably to mine the area?

Shri Thimmalah: This can be understood only after the prospecting work is over, and the deposits are proved.

Shri Kashi Ram Gupta: How much time is expected to be taken to convert the prospecting work into a mining lease for the Corporation?

Shri Thimmaiah: As early as possible, as soon as the prospecting work is completed.

Oral Answers

Shri Kashi Ram Gupta: What is the expected time?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Alagesan): The programme is to mine 2.5 million tons in the Third Plan and much more in the Fourth Plan. So, we shall be able to do it as soon as possible.

श्री रा० स० तिवारी: सिंगरौली इलाके में इतना ग्रधिक कोयला पैदा हुआ है, लेकिन उस को ढोने के लिए कोई सड़क या कोई ग्रीर इन्तजाम नहीं हुआ है । मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या इस के लिए जल्दी से जल्दी कोई कार्यवाही की जायगी ।

प्राध्यक्ष महोदय: क्या यह भी मिर्जापुर में है ?

साख तथा कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (डा॰ राम सुभग सिंह) : नहीं, यह मध्य प्रदेश में है ।

Training of Primary Teachers

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to improve and expand the training facilities for Primary Teachers during the Third Plan; and
- (b) the expenditure to be incurred by the Centre in this connection?

The Minister in charge Ministry of Education (Shri Humayun Kabir):
(a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) (i) A number of schemes for improving and expanding the training facilities for elementary school teachers, the total cost of which to the

- Central Government will amount to about Rs. 21.5 crores, have been included in the Central and State programmes in the Third Five-Year Plan.
- (ii) In 1962 a study-group was set up at the instance of the All India Council for Elementary Education to go into the question of training teachers. The main recommendations of the Study-group were that high priority should be given to the training of teachers and special measures should be taken for clearing the backlog of untrained teachers. Other recommendations were in regard to expansion and improvement of elementary training institutions. recommendations of the Study-group have been sent to the State Governments and Union Territories for implementation.
- (iii) The Ministry has also taken up the following scheme. The National Council of Educational Research and Training has started a scheme for establishment of extension service departments in selected institutions. 30 such departments have started functioning.
- (2) A Centrally sponsored scheme with 100 per cent assistance has been taken up for establishing one institute of education in each State. These institutes are to provide, inservice training to all inspecting officers dealing with elementary schools and staff of training institutions, extension services, orientation training, and to conduct studies and investigations in problems of elementary education and to produce suitable literature. In order to provide technical guidance to these Institutes, a Department of Teacher Education is being set up at the National Council.
- (b) The schemes for establishment of Extension Service Departments and State Institutes of Education are expected to cost the Centre Rs. 108 lakhs during the Third Plan. In addition, the Centre will give a grant-inaid, on a 100 p.c. basis, for all schemes for the expansion and training of elementary teachers included in the