

Price of Hard Coke

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 *613. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
 Shri P. C. Borooh:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri Balmiki;

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

(a) whether Government have decided to lift the price control on hard coke and have rejected the steel plants' plea for increase in the price of hard coke produced by them;

(b) if so, the date from which the control is being lifted; and

(c) the factors rendering continuance of control redundant?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Thimmaiah): (a) to (c). No such decision has been taken so far. However, the price structure of hard coke is presently under the consideration of Government.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether it is a fact that the cost of production of hard coke is much higher than the controlled price today?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): The prices are controlled. They have fixed the prices at Bhilai, Rourkela, Durgapur and other places.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know whether it is not a fact that the management of Durgapur steel project has asked the Government to increase the prices of hard coke due to high cost of production?

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: Naturally, they do repeatedly ask us for raising the prices.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know what plea was put forward by these steel plants for the further increase in the price of hard coke?

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: Cost of production, cost of raw materials and various other things.

Shri Ranga: How is it, when these are state-owned enterprises, they say that their cost of production is higher than the price that is fixed here? Are we to understand that there is no co-ordination at all between the Government and their own Steel Corporation and they are not able to fix these things in a harmonious manner?

Shri Sanjiva Reddy: In addition to the steel factories that are producing hard coke, there is also private-sector production. There is not much of surplus here. The steel plants now and then ask for a rise in price. We examine the cost production and either increase it or decline it.

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क्या उद्योग तथा सम्भरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले वर्ष हैबी इलेक्ट्रिकल्स लिमिटेड, भोपाल के 108 कर्मचारी सेवा से हटा दिये थे ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि इनमें से लगभग 40 कर्मचारी भारत प्रतिरक्षा नियमों के अन्तर्गत गिरफ्तार किये गये थे और रिहाई के बाद उन्हें इस कारण सेवा से हटा दिया गया कि वे एक महीने से अधिक समय तक अपने काम पर नहीं आए ;

(ग) क्या उन्होंने उन कर्मचारियों के प्रतिनिधिमण्डल को , जो इस सम्बन्ध में उनसे मिला था यह आश्वासन दिया था कि उनकी मांगों पर शीघ्र ही निर्णय किया जायगा ; और