

(d) the result of experiments conducted by the Central Fuel Research Institute in this regard?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) The grade-wise allocation of coal to different industries is regulated according to a schedule which has been drawn up after taking into account the grade of coal that the industry can use consistent with the type of furnace used in the industry or process. Further, inferior grades of coking coal are beneficiated, by washing, for use by metallurgical industries.

(b) In order to encourage the use of lower grades of coal, the following steps have been taken:

- (i) All new power stations are being designed to burn high ash coal;
- (ii) the distribution control over inferior grades of coal has been removed;
- (iii) licenses for opening brick kilns and soft coke depots are being issued liberally;
- (iv) the prices of grade II and grade III coal from the Bengal/Bihar coalfields have notified as "ceiling prices."

(c) and (d). The possibility of preparing metallurgical coke from coal which is now classed as non-coking is being examined.

Decontrol of Cement

***791. Shri Himatsingka:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to refer to the statement made by him in the House on the 18th November, 1965 regarding Government's decision to decontrol cement and state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Committee composed of Members of Parliament to watch over the working of the experiment of decontrol of cement;

(b) if so, the composition thereof; and

(c) the functions and powers of this Committee?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) to (c). Such a suggestion was made in the Informal Consultative Committee Meeting and in the Rajya Sabha. It is under consideration.

New York World Fair

***792. Dr. P. Srinivasan:
Shri P. C. Borooah:**

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the extent of success achieved by the Indian pavilion in the sale of Indian goods at the New York World Fair which concluded on the 17th October, 1965;

(b) if so, which of the Indian goods attracted the foreigners, and what would be its impact on the export of these goods;

(c) the total sale of Indian goods at the shops of the Indian pavilion in the Fair; and

(d) the total expenditure incurred on the Indian stall?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (d). The New York World's Fair closed on the 17th October, 1965. Judging from the interest shown by foreign visitors/importers for the import of Indian goods, it is expected that there has been a substantial increase in the sale of India goods to U.S.A. through the medium of this fair. The major items on which there was indications of bulk off-take and agency arrangements were, machine tools, cutting tools, cast iron pipe fittings, light engineering goods like knitting machines, stainless steel ware, cycle, sewing machines and canned sea foods and fruits, tea, cashewnuts, spices, coir and jute products, plastic goods, handicrafts and handloom products,

textiles, leather goods, essential oils, mica etc.

483 enquiries for various Indian products were received at the Pavilion and these enquiries are under negotiation with foreign importers. However, we have been advised that firm bookings to the extent of Rs. 2.70 crores have been made with Indian Manufacturers. The items cover industrial canvas, cotton textiles, readymade garments, knitting machines handicrafts, handlooms, plastic goods, stainless steel ware and cast iron pipe fittings, shoes and slippers soaps, non-ferrous forgings etc.

All enquiries indicate a total of Rs. 20 crores as export sales of our goods that are estimated to be promoted to U.S.A. and other markets through this Fair.

The Souvenir sales at the sales Section in the Pavilion and the units at the International Plaza amounted to \$21.02(973 equivalent to Rs. 1,00,10,151/- during the two sessions of the Fair. The sales include sale of Indian food stuffs and snacks prepared in the Indian restaurant.

The figures of actual expenditure incurred on India's participation in the Fair by the Government are not available, at present. However, the estimated expenditure on India's participation at Governmental level is Rs. 130 lakhs in foreign exchange and Rs. 35 lakhs in India. Regarding expenditure of individual parties, who organised sales units in the India Pavilion and in the area of International Plaza, the same was met by the parties themselves.

**Heavy Engineering Corporation,
Ranchi**

*793. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1235 on the 7th May, 1965 and state:

(a) whether the investigations into the causes of fire that broke out in

the Heavy Engineering Corporation's plant at Ranchi have been completed, and if so, the result thereof;

(b) whether any pro-Pakistani elements were found to be responsible for this; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry & Supply (Shri T. N. Singh):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The case is being investigated by Bihar C.I.D. in collaboration with Central Bureau of Investigation. A case of arson has been registered by the Police. Police have so far arrested nineteen persons. Some more arrests are expected before the investigation can be closed and the case sent to court.

Trade with U.K. & U.S.A.

*794. **Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
Shri Ramnand Shastri:**

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indo-U.S. and Indo-British trade is on the increase;

(b) the volume of trade with U.S.A. and U.K. separately during 1964-65 as compared to 1960-61; and

(c) the main commodities being exported to and imported from these two countries?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir. The Indo-U.S. and Indo-British trade is being on the increase during the years 1961-62 to 1964-65.

(b) and (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5078/65].