

discussed this question with the owners.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: No, it is not being paid; they say it may be paid next month.

Shri A. P. Sharma: The hon. Minister has stated that the position of the collieries is such that it was necessary to increase the coal price to pay the bonus to the workers. What machinery have Government got to check up whether the collieries are making less profit or enormous profit or they are not running at a loss? Do they check their balance sheets?

Shri S. K. Dey: Cost accountants on behalf of the Ministry of Finance are now inquiring into the cost of production of a representative section of collieries in the country; their report is expected very shortly.

Shri A. P. Sharma: He has said that they are examining and inquiring. But earlier he said that the collieries' condition is such that they cannot pay the bonus. So, without concluding the enquiry, how did Government come to this conclusion that they are not in a position to pay.

Shri S. K. Dey: There is also a recurring study continually made by the Coal Controller's office into the position of the collieries and their cost of production.

Expansion of Panna Diamond Mine

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*779. **Shri K. N. Tiwary:**
Shri P. E. Chakraverti:

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

(a) whether the Panna Diamond mine, the main supplier of the industrial diamonds, is proposed to be expanded with the collaboration of a British firm;

(b) whether the said firm has submitted a project report;

(c) if so, whether Government have given their approval; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Hungary has agreed to provide a plant for the treatment of diamonds?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Mines and Metals (Shri S. A. Mehdi): (a) to (c). The Panna Diamond Mines consists of two prospects—Ramkheria and Majhgawan. On the basis of further prospecting carried out in the Ramkheria area, the Consultants M/s John Taylor & Sons of U. K. have prepared a revised Project Report. This Report is under consideration of the Government.

The development of the Majhgawan Mine had been recommended by them earlier. This Scheme has been sanctioned by Government and is under implementation.

(d) Yes, Sir. An offer for the supply of a treatment plant for the recovery of diamonds at Majhgawan has been received from a Hungarian Trading Company. The offer is under examination.

श्री क० ना० तिवारी : यह जो प्रोजेक्ट उन्होंने दी है, इसके मेन-फीचर्स क्या हैं, जो ग्रन्डर कन्सीड्रेशन हैं ?

श्री स० घ० मेहदी : इस वक्त जो प्रोजेक्ट उन्होंने दी है उसमें 90,000 कैरेट डायमण्ड निकालने के लिये थर्ड प्लान में था, उसको ही फोर्थ प्लान में निकालने की तज़वीज़ की गई है ।

श्री क० ना० तिवारी : अभी तक इन खानों से कितना डायमण्ड निकाला जाता था और इस स्कीम के लागू होने के बाद से कितने डायमण्ड की उत्पत्ति हुई और उसकी वैल्यू क्या है ?

श्री स० घ० मेहदी : इन खानों से ज्यादा डायमण्ड नहीं निकला था । पिछले साल 1,397 डायमण्ड — वजन 813.51 कैरेट निकले, सन् 1964 में करीब 3386

निकासे गये जिनका वजन 1299.49 कैरेट था। मैं हाउस को यह बता दूँ कि काम हो रहा है और उम्मीद है कि अगले सालों में इन से और डायमण्ड निकलेंगे।

श्री क० ना० तिवारी : यह एक-जिकियुट होने के बाद कितना डायमण्ड निकलने का अनुमान है ?

ज्ञान तथा धातु मंत्री (श्री सु० कु० डे) : यह कैसे कहा जा सकता है।

The estimate is that out of the Ramkheria mines there will be a production of 11,250 carats of diamonds per annum, and from the Majhgawan mines 22,500 carats of diamonds per annum.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Is it not a fact that the implementation of the Majhgawan field and the prospecting programme of the Ramkheria mines have run very late now, that they could have been started earlier if the prospecting work had been expedited, say, a couple of years back?

Shri S. K. Dey: The consultants, Messrs. John Taylor & Sons of London, who are experts in the subject, suggested further exploration before the mines could be developed.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Is it not a fact that this is the second or third time that Messrs. John Taylor & Sons have admitted their failure and suggested another prospecting?

Shri S. K. Dey: I do not know, Sir.

श्री रा० स० तिवारी : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि रामखेरिया और मजगवा— इन दो हीरों के खदानों को सैन्ट्रल गवर्नमेंट ने अपने अधिकार में ले लिया है, इन दो खदानों पर अभी तक कितना खर्चा हुआ है, और इनमें कितने हीरे पाये गये हैं। श्रीमान्, मैं इन खदानों में गया था, वे मेरी कांस्टीचुएन्सी में है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप खदानों में गये तो कैसे वापस आ गये ?

श्री रा० स० तिवारी : जब पूछा जाता है तो कहते हैं कि भविष्य पर इसकी भ्रामदनी निर्भर करती है, अभी कोई भ्रामदनी नहीं है, लाखों रुपये का घाटा हो रहा है, जब कि प्राइवेट कम्पनियाँ काम रहीं हैं, उनको फायदा हो रहा है।

Shri S. K. Dey: A total amount of Rs. 145 lakhs has already been spent in preliminary work of study, drilling and development of the mines, and a certain quantity of diamonds has been extracted in a preliminary way only. Full production has yet to start.

Shri Bade: Is it a fact that due to that collaboration with the British firm in M.P. the old diggers, old persons dealing with Panna diamond have expressed great resentment and they say that they will be put to great loss? Has the Government received any complaint from these persons?

Shri S. K. Dey: There is no collaboration with anybody. We are only taking consultant services. We have no knowledge at the moment of any serious complaint from anybody.

Shri J. P. Jyotishi: When will full production be started in the mines?

Shri S. K. Dey: By the end of 1967 according to present estimates.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if prospecting for diamonds is being done in other States also and if any market in foreign countries had been found for these diamonds because in India people have lost all interest in diamonds?

Shri S. K. Dey: I am not aware that people have lost interest in diamonds in India; people are interested in all gems.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: May I know when the last prospecting survey was made of the Panna mines and with

what result and whether the Government is cognisant of the fact that because of lack of scientific approach and lack of application of resources, the Government of the country has lost very considerably because these mines have not been exploited at all scientifically?

Shri S. K. Dey: I cannot account for what has happened in the past. I can only say that it is a fact that the Geological Survey of India has been doing general survey of the country and intensive exploration that is indicated is now being conducted for the past few years.

Mr. Speaker: Mrs. Reddy must be interested in diamonds.

Shrimati Yashoda Reddy: I want to know whether the government has taken an overall survey of the whole of India and apart from this Panna and other known diamond areas, any other part of the country is going to be prospected. Is the government going to do anything?

Shri S. K. Dey: There is the general survey for all mineral sources which is being conducted all over the country for all kinds of minerals. I cannot say at the moment that there is any other source of diamond of sufficient quantity.

मुगलसराय से आगे के स्टेशनों के लिए
कोयले की बुकिंग

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* 780. श्री डा० ना० तिवारी :
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श्री भागवत झा झाजाब :
श्री स० ला० द्विवेदी :
श्री स० चं० सामन्त :
श्री सुबोध हंसदा :
श्री प्र० चं० बरध्वा :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिसम्बर, 1965 में मुगलसराय से आगे के स्टेशनों

के लिये कोयले की बुकिंग बंद कर दी गई थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) बुकिंग कितने दिनों तक बन्द रही ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री
(डा० राम सुभग सिंह) : जी नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) सवाल नहीं उठता ।

श्री डा० ना० तिवारी : दिसम्बर मास में जो कोयले का निर्यात मुगलसराय द्वारा हुआ इससे पिछले सालों में उसकी तुलना में वह कम हुआ या ज्यादा हुआ ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : असल में 1965 साल के करीब-करीब हर महीने में, तीन महीनों को छोड़कर ज्यादा निर्यात हुआ है । 1964 के दिसम्बर मास में जहां 1157 वींगज मुगलसराय से इधर आई वहां 1965 में 1370 वींगज आईं । इससे साफ है कि 1964 की तुलना में 1965 में ज्यादा वींगज आईं ।

श्री डा० ना० तिवारी : 1963-64 में कितनी वींगज मुगलसराय से इधर आईं और 1964-65 में कितनी आईं ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : मैंने कहा है कि 1964 के तीन महीनों, जून . . .

श्री डा० ना० तिवारी : मैंने पूरे साल का पूछा है ।

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : पूरे साल का फिगर्स मैं टेबल पर रख दूंगा ।

Mr. Speaker: Shri Indrajit Gupta.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: I had tabled a totally different question and that had something to do with the railways' purchase of coal for loco sheds. It had been clubbed along with this question.