

Coal Production Target

***1610. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 330 on the 1st May, 1962 and state:

(a) whether the target of coal production during the Third Five Year Plan period has been revised; and

(b) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) and (b). It has since been decided that the target of coal production during the Third Five Year Plan should remain at 97 million tons. Physical planning, both for production and transport, is, however, being done on the basis of 101 million tons in the last year and 104 million tons in the last quarter of the plan.

Bhilai Steel Works

***1612. Shri Maheswar Naik:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bhilai Steel Works have launched a scheme with the triple objective of raising technological skill, steel output and reducing production costs; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) and (b). While no special scheme as such has been launched, the Works are constantly engaged in attaining the objectives of raising technological skill and steel output and reducing production costs.

Manufacture of White Cement

***1613. Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new process for the manufacture of white cement has been developed by the

Regional Research Laboratory at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, whether a scheme has been made to popularise the new process; and

(c) if so, the broad outlines of the scheme?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) & (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) A non-technical note with cost estimates for a 50 tons/day plant has been circulated to interested parties. The National Research Development Corporation will consider offers received and give license for exploitation of the process.

States' Share in Oil Refineries

***1615. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments of Gujarat, Assam and Bihar have been offered 15 per cent share in the public sector oil refineries in these States by his Ministry; and

(b) what is their reaction to the offer?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Licensing for Manufacture of Diesel Engines

***1616. Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Messrs. Link Machinery Limited of Calcutta have been granted 8 licences in the recent past for the manufacture of diesel engines, etc.;

(b) whether they have commenced production as per specifications; and

(c) if not, action proposed by Government in this regard?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):