

Shri Kanga: Is it possible that this Council has been made infructuous and useless because of the functioning of all the other authorities?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I shall not go to that extent. We should await the result of the labours of the committees that have been constituted. They may produce some good reports.

Shri A. C. Guha: Is it true that the Minister in charge is the chairman of this Coal Council and at the same time he is also chairman of the National Coal Development Corporation?

Sardar Swaran Singh: The Minister is the chairman of this Council. But he is no longer the chairman of the board of directors of the National Coal Development Corporation.

Shri A. C. Guha: Since when has this change been made?

Mr. Speaker: I am not going to allow the whole hour for this question.

Shri Morarka: May I know the annual expenditure which would be incurred by this Coal Council?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I would require notice. But it could not be considerable because this is not a money-consuming Council, in the sense that there are no separate staff and the like.

Khamaria Market, Jabalpur

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*978. { **Shri Kodyan:**
Shri A. K. Gopalan:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over Rs. 30,000 are annually collected from shop-keepers in Khamaria Market, Jabalpur as "Trading right fee" apart from normal rent of the shops;

(b) whether the shop-keepers are given extra facilities in the market; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the extra fees collected from shop-keepers are not passed on to the workers?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) An amount of Rs. 21,000 is collected from Shop-keepers in Khamaria Market, Jabalpur in addition to the rent.

(b) Yes; residential accommodation, Water Supply and conservancy.

(c) The amount is not intended for being passed on as services mentioned in (b), which the renters require, have to be maintained.

Shri Kodyan: May I know whether the supply of electricity is included in the extra facilities given to these shop-keepers?

Shri Raghuramaiah: Electricity is not included. It is not yet possible to supply them electricity in that area.

Shri Kodyan: May I know whether it is a fact that the same commodities sold in this Khamaria market are being allowed to be sold in the fairs held twice a week in that area, and if so, whether Government intend to stop this practice?

Shri Raghuramaiah: The idea in establishing this market is to facilitate the daily purchases by the workers of all the articles they need at local market prices, and not to permit any profiteering. If, in addition to this, there are other markets, which in any way hamper the purchases by these people at reasonable prices, that will have to be considered.

Mica Resources in Kerala

*979. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state whether the Government of India have requested the Government of Kerala to try and work the Mica resources in the State?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): Yes, Sir.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether the Government of India have suggested to the Kerala Government that Government will place at their disposal any Central aid also for exploiting the mica resources there?