

Shri Radha Raman: May I know, if the recommendations made to the Government are implemented and to what extent they will affect the revenues of the Government?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: We have not yet had any examination of these suggestions. So, I am not in a position to say anything about it.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: In view of the fact that from time to time in the newspapers and at other places also it is stated that there is no congenial atmosphere for the investment coming from foreign countries may I know whether the hon. Minister, has in his tours, found that the reasons, namely, that the climate is not congenial, have really any truth?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: My own feelings in this matter is that the concessions that are now given for investment of foreign capital are not quite understood. They are quite considerable. I felt it was my task to tell them what these concessions were and put them in form and publicise them. I think the concessions that we are giving are not given by many countries of the world. May be there are other procedural matters perhaps in which some kind of discussion is possible, because we have had discussions in various countries on this question of avoidance of what is called double taxation. It is being done on the basis of mutual agreement between the two countries. This kind of thing goes on. But if anything has been suggested in addition to what is now obtaining well, that matter would have to be examined and I am not in a position to say whether there is much room for it or there is not much room for it. It is a thing which can be revealed only after examination.

Lignite Deposits in Kashmir

*918. **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lignite deposits exist in Nichama, Handwara Tehsil of Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to explore these deposits?

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

(b) A detailed investigation is being carried out by the Geological Survey of India. Two bore holes have so far been drilled. The work is in progress.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know the estimated quantity of lignite deposits available there?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: The rough estimates are about 14 million tons. More bore holes have to be drilled to get precise information.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know how far this will affect the jungles and whether the Government is trying to do something to explore it so that there can be more fertilizer also?

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Yes Sir. The programme is for search for more lignite. But I am unable to say what the implication of the search will be with regard to conservation of forests.

Enquiry into death of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

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Shri B. C. Kamble:
Shri D. A. Katti:

*919. Shri B. K. Gaekwad:
Shri Dige:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 509 on the 26th November, 1957 and state:

(a) whether a copy of the report of the enquiry into the death of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar will be laid on the Table; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): (a) and (b). I do not think it will be appropriate to lay on the Table a copy of the confidential report submitted by the Deputy