

**Shri S. K. Patil:** The two power-houses will have an installed capacity of 36,000 k w. Each unit has 9000k.w. This will be 18000 and the total capacity is 36,000 k w So far as the total power potential of Mysore and Andhra States are concerned, that is a larger question and that is being attended to by power stations in other places

#### Purchase of Railway Stores

\*730. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how many teams of officers were sent abroad for the purchase of stores by Railway administration during the last three years;

(b) what is the amount of purchases effected by each team, and

(c) whether any steel purchased was found not up to specifications and unusable by the Railway Board?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Two

(b) Rs 34 crores worth of Steel & Iron and about Rs 85 lakhs worth of timber respectively

(c) No

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** May I know what is the procedure followed for effecting these purchases, whether any global tenders are invited in the first instance and then teams are sent out to negotiate?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** In this particular case, since the urgency was very great, the team went, made direct negotiations with the sellers and found out what were most favourable rates and then placed orders direct

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** May I know how the team contacts particular firms without any previous inviting of tenders, whether they have got certain firms in their mind? How they make the purchase, that is not clear at all.

**The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** It is quite clear. The Railway Ministry has been making purchases, inviting tenders through local agents. We knew what are the firms which are interested, in different parts of Europe and other countries, and we had information in our Ministry. Also we had roughly the price rates of the purchases that were made during the few months before the mission was sent abroad. The mission was sent with full powers to go there, see if the prices were reasonable and advantageous, take decision there and finalise the transaction.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** May I know whether our Embassies outside are taken into confidence and these purchases are effected in consultation with them or they have nothing to do with them?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** I will not say that they have nothing to do with them. The officers who went there were in close touch with the Embassy authorities there and as a matter of fact, many of the details were obtained through the Embassy offices themselves.

**Shri Feroze Gandhi:** May I know how much saving was effected as a result of this direct negotiation and direct purchase as made last year?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** It is very difficult to compute the savings.

**Shri Feroze Gandhi:** Against the tenders which were received by the D G, S & D?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** That would be quite a substantial saving. I think it will be something like Rs 7 or 8 crores.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know the countries from which timber has been purchased and how the prices compare with the Indian prices?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** Prices compare very favourably. Timber sleepers have been purchased from Burma.

**Shri Dasappa:** May I know how the requirements of the Railways are of an urgent character? The question is, why they were not anticipated well in advance and the normal procedure adopted to secure them?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** I will not say that the mission was sent only because there was urgency. We have found that by the normal procedure of inviting tenders through the local agents of the different manufacturing firms we were paying higher prices and the goods were also not available in the requisite quantity.

**Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** May I know whether, in the light of the experience gained in this deal, the Railway administration proposes to change the procedure to this line of action in the future?

**Shri Jagjivan Ram:** I will not say that there will be any universal application of the system. Wherever we find it necessary, we will adopt this procedure.

**T. B. Cases among P. & T. Employees**

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\*731. { Shri Daljit Singh:  
Shri Padam Dev:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state what steps are being taken to check the spread of T.B. cases among the Post and Telegraph employees?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** The staff and the members of their families are being encouraged to take B.C.G. vaccination and in addition to the ordinary facilities for treatment of T.B. cases available to Central Government employees a number of beds in various T.B. Sanatoria have been specially reserved for P. & T. employees and their families.

**श्री पद्म देव :** क्या यह दुस्त है कि पोस्ट्स एंड टेलीग्राफ आफिसिस में काम करने वाले जो पोस्टमेन हैं उन के निवास-

स्थान स्वास्थ्य के लिहाज से बहुत रहीं हैं जिस के कारण अक्सर उन को टी० बी० हो जाती है ? क्या सरकार इस सम्बन्ध में कुछ सुधार करने पर विचार करेगी, पेशतर इस के कि वह इन लोगों के इलाज की तरफ दौड़े ?

**श्री राज बहादुर :** मैं समझता हूँ जैसी निवासस्थान की सुविधायें अपने देश की जनता को उपलब्ध है लगभग वैसी ही बल्कि बाज जगहो पर उम से कुछ अच्छी पी० एंड टी० एम्पलायीज को उपलब्ध है ।

**श्री पद्म देव :** मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय ने शिमला के पी० एंड टी० आफिसिस के कर्मचारियों के क्वार्टर देखे हैं जिन में कि छोटा सा कमरा है, उसी में लोग रसोई करते हैं, उसी का दरवाजा बन्द कर के अन्दर वे लोग सारा काम करते हैं ?

**श्री राज बहादुर :** शिमले के डाक तार विभाग के कर्मचारियों से मैं ने भेंट की है और उन यूनियनों से भी मिला हूँ किन्तु मैं यह खयाल करता हूँ कि जो उन के रहने का स्थान है उस में शिमले की आबो-हवा को देखते हुए वे दरवाजा खोल कर नहीं सो सकते ।

**Remodelling of Station Yards**

\*734. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in connection with the remodelling of the station yard at Jaipur and remodelling of goods marshalling yard at Palanpur Railway stations;

(b) the expenditure incurred so far;

(c) the probable date of completion of the work; and

(d) whether these constructions are in pursuance of the policy enunciated in his speech made on the Demands for Grants on the 19th July, 1957?