

Shri Raj Bahadur: The question pertains to the proposals or suggestions made by the Indian Delegation at the last I.L.O. Conference. I do not think this question arises out of it.

Shrimati Ha Palchoudhuri: Did the Indian Delegation make this suggestion? That is what I want to know.

Shri Raj Bahadur: I think this is hardly covered by that. The only proposal that was made has already been indicated by me.

Shrimati Ha Palchoudhuri: May I ask one other question? Is it a fact that there was an error in the report submitted by the D.G. of the I.L.O. that special facilities were given to our seamen and that they were paid for 90 days, which is not correct?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I require notice for that.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether for looking after the seamen welfare offices have been set up in ports outside India? If so, in which of the ports?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Certain welfare functions are assigned to some of our consular officers and to the various consulates that we have got. To that extent it might be said that we have done that.

Coal Loading Plants at Major Ports

*1239. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal for installation of mechanical coal loading plants at some major ports of India to handle coal; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) A mechanical coal loading plant has already been installed at the Port of Calcutta which is the principal coal-exporting port in

the country. The question of installation of coal loading plant at other major ports does not arise as the export of coal through them is negligible;

(b) Does not arise.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : इसमें खर्च कितना हुआ है और इसके हस्ताल करने का कितना फायदा हुआ है ? समय की और रुपये की कितनी बचत हुई है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : इसकी कैपेसिटी प्रति घंटा ५०० टन उठाने की है यानी ४००० टन प्रति दिन । लेकिन अभी यह २००० से २५०० टन प्रति दिन उठाता है यानी साल में लगभग आठ लाख टन । यह इसकी कैपेसिटी के तिहाई के बराबर है ।

Shri P. C. Bose: May I know the number of workmen displaced per mechanical unit?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I have not calculated that, Sir.

Transfer of Postal Employees to Kathmandu

*1240. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Superintendent of Post Offices, Champaran District (Bihar) is authorised to transfer postal employees to Kathmandu Post Office from his circle; and

(b) if so, what are the principles of selecting such employees?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes, subject to the approval of the Director, Postal Services, Bihar Circle, Patna.

(b) Volunteers are selected according to seniority-cum-fitness and suitability to local circumstances in Nepal.

श्री बिभूति मिश्र : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो आदमी चम्पारन से नेपाल जाते हैं