

**Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:** May I know whether these errors which occurred in these electoral rolls will be rectified before the ensuing elections?

**Shri Hajarnavis:** As I said, they will be rectified during the current year's revision itself.

**Shri B. Das Gupta:** May I know whether, after the report of the Chief Electoral Officer, the Government will enquire into the matter as to whether the errors have been rectified correctly or not?

**Shri Hajarnavis:** The Deputy Commissioner is entrusted with the task, and after he has carried out the revision, if there are complaints about the Bihar rolls, then the law itself provides the remedy.

#### Export of Coal

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\*1332. { **Shri Bhanja Deo:**  
**Shri Manabendra Shah:**

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exports of coal have been prohibited; and

(b) if so the reasons for the same?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha):** (a) and (b). Export of metallurgical coal is not being permitted in view of the increasing requirements of the country's expanding iron and steel industry. As regards non-metallurgical coal, supplies to our traditional foreign markets will be maintained to the extent possible, consistently with our own internal requirement from time to time. The position is under constant review.

**Shri Bhanja Deo:** May I know whether the Government have received a complaint from TISCO that they are not getting metallurgical coal for their steel plant from the Bhojudih washery?

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** The last part of the question has not been followed.

**Mr. Speaker:** He wants to know whether the TISCO have complained that metallurgical coal has not been sent to them.

**The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh):** If I have understood the question correctly, it is this: whether the TISCO have complained that they are not getting the coal from the Bhojudih washery. That is the question. Well, Sir, it is a fact, because the Bhojudih washery has not actually started.

**Shri Mahanty:** May I know whether the coal washery at Bhojudih and Patherdih were meant for commission during the second Five Year Plan period and whether these two coal washeries were particularly earmarked for the private sector? In the circumstances, we would like to know why these coal washeries have not been completed yet.

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** There have been delays in the establishment of these washeries. This question will be discussed, I suppose, when we discuss the Demands for Grants under this Ministry.

**Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** May I know whether it is a fact that we have been losing our coal exports to the traditional markets in the last three years? In the last three years' systematically we have lost our coal exports to our traditional markets.

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** I do not think it will be a correct statement to say that we have systematically lost the market, as the hon. Member has put it. For instance, even when we look at the figures of actual export, we will find that in 1956, it was 1.7 million tons; in 1957, it was 1.76 million tons; in 1958 it was 1.67 million tons; and in 1959 it was 1.42 million tons. Our exports have been of that order. There has been a difference of a couple of lakhs this way or that way. But that cannot certainly be described as a systematic loss of our traditional market.

**Shri Raghunath Singh:** May I know the position in respect of the exports

of our coal to Pakistan at present? Are they decreasing or increasing?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** So far as Pakistan is concerned, it looks forward to India for the supply of coal and we have done our best to meet its requirements. In the new trade agreement also, I think there is a provision now of additional supply of about 30,000 tons of coal a month, and it is our intention to honour that.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know whether it is a fact that TISCO has been asked to use coal other than washed coal?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** They have always been using coal other than washed coal.

**Shri Mahanty:** May I know whether it is a fact that on account of the non-availability of high-grade coal, the ash percentage of the low-grade coal that is being used in the steel plants causes the cost of production of steel to shoot up?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** As a general proposition, it is correct that if the ash content in the coal that is used for metallurgical purposes is higher, to that extent, the cost of production will be higher. It is precisely for that purpose that washeries are expected to be established so that the ash content may be reduced. Unless the washeries go into production, there is no option but to use that type of coal which has hitherto been used.

**Shri Mahanty:** When are they "going into production"?

**Shri Bhanja Deo:** May I know whether it is a fact that ash content of metallurgical coal increased by about two per cent. during the last one year?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** I do not think that that is correct as a geological phenomenon, because the ash content does not increase merely by lapse of time. As our total requirement of metallurgical coal has increased, the metallurgical coal which was original-

ly used for non-metallurgical purposes is also being switched on for metallurgical purposes. All these coals are not of the same quality so far as the ash content is concerned.

**Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** From the figures that the hon. Minister gave it is apparent that instead of increasing our coal exports to our traditional markets, we have slid back slightly. May I know the reasons for not being able to increase the exports to our traditional markets during the last three years?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** The strength of our economy which is growing and our internal requirements which are increasing are the obvious answer.

#### Museum at Srirangapatna

\*1333. **Shri Rami Reddy:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Museum at Srirangapatna in Mysore has been established;

(b) the articles that are exhibited in the Museum;

(c) the assistance given to the Museum by the State Government; and

(d) the details of the plans, if any, for improving the museum?

**The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The museum contains such articles as Tipu Sultan's dress and his gold chronometer and paintings, prints, sketches and coins to illustrate his rule and life.

(c) The State Government presented to the Museum a collection of gold, silver and copper coins of Tipu Sultan and Haider Ali.

(d) The collection will as far as possible be augmented by procuring antiquities pertaining to Tipu Sultan from private as well as official sources.

**Shri Rami Reddy:** At the time when Srirangapatna was captured by Tippu,