

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** That is so. Gradually, we do want to change over to the regional languages.

**Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Pending suggestion by the Working Group, have any instructions been issued to the Universities themselves to switch on to the regional languages in the matter of the medium of instruction?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** I have already explained that no directives or instructions can be issued to the Universities in this matter. The Universities are autonomous bodies and the University Grants Commission can only persuade them and request them. No instructions or directives can be given by the University Grants Commission in this matter. (*Interruption*).

**Mr. Speaker:** This has become a regular debate on the official language. I have been following every question that has been put and every answer that has been given. The hon. Members must have by this time learnt from the answers given by the hon. Minister that the adoption of any particular medium is in the hands of the universities themselves which are autonomous and all that the working group, as the agent of the University Grants Commission, can do is after they resolve upon having their own language as the medium of instruction, to see how best to accelerate the pace and to get along. Nothing more can be done. What is the meaning of going into all this? So far as the official language is concerned it is in the hands of the local legislature and the State Government and they could have the regional language as the official language in substitution of English. All that can be done.

**श्री भक्त बर्षान :** श्रीमन् माननीय मंत्री जी ने स्वीकार किया है कि कई वर्षों पहले इस सिद्धान्त को स्वीकार किया गया था। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या विश्वविद्यालयों ने कोई कारण बतलाये हैं कि क्या अड़चनें हैं, या क्या कठिनाइयाँ हैं जिन की वजह से वे इसे लागू नहीं कर पा रहे हैं।

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** इस में यह क्या कर सकते हैं ?

**डा० का० सा० श्रीमाली :** जो कारण है वह हम सब लोग जानते हैं। कारण यह है कि अभी तक मौलिक पुस्तकें प्रादेशिक भाषाओं में नहीं हैं। न तो अनुवाद हैं और न मौलिक पुस्तकें लिखी गई हैं। जब तक मौलिक पुस्तकें तैयार न हों, मैं नहीं समझता कि युनिवर्सिटीयों के लिये यह सम्भव है कि वह प्रादेशिक भाषाओं में एक दम से बदल सकें।

**Mr. Speaker:** Shri Goray. He is a writer by himself.

**Shri Goray:** How many universities have adopted the regional language as the medium of instruction?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimali:** There are several which have adopted, but I do not have a statement here. If the hon. Member is interested, I will be glad to place a statement on the Table of the House.

Some Hon. Members rose—

**Mr. Speaker:** I am sorry, I shall have to proceed to the next question.

#### Coking Coal for Steel Plants

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 { Shri R. C. Majhi:  
 { Shri S. C. Samanta:  
 \*67. { Shri Subodh Hansda:  
 { Shri Mahanty:

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

(a) how much coking coal is at present produced and supplied to the Steel Plants at Bhilai and Rourkela from the Coal Washery at Kargall;

(b) whether that quantity is sufficient;

(c) if not, how the deficit is met;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Jamshedpur and Burnpur Steel Plants are experiencing shortage of coking coal; and

(e) if so, whether orders have been placed for fresh coal-washeries?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha):** (a) During January 1960, the production of washed coal at Kargali Washery

was 96,962 tons out of which despatches to Bhilai and Rourkela were 67,606 tons.

(b) Yes. In fact the present production of the washery exceeds the requirements of these Steel Plants.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No. Their overall requirements of coking coal are being adequately met.

(e) As an ultimate objective to increase the availability of washed coal for all the Steel Plants, steps are under way to set up new coal washeries.

**Shri R. C. Majhi:** Which are the places where new coal washeries are proposed to be set up?

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** New coal washeries are being planned at three or four places: Dugda, Pathardi and Bhojdi. One is practically completed at Durgapur.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** When is the Kargali washery going to attain its full rated capacity, because in January 1980 it has achieved only 40 per cent of its rated capacity?

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** The rated capacity of the Kargali washery is 1.6 million tons out of which at present we are able to get 1:1 or 1:2 million tons of coal washed there. Its maximum capacity will depend upon the fuller production by the steel plants.

**Shri Bimal Ghose:** The reply was that the steel plants would have all the coking coal. Will this be depriving the railways of the coal needed for them or will it be in addition to them?

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** I did not hear the question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Would it be to the prejudice of the railways?

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** These coal washeries are meant for the steel plants.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** The reply was that in January 1980, the Kargali washery washed about 92,000 tons. It works out to about a million tons per year. May I know how many shifts this washery is working?

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** I have already stated that the figure was 92,000 tons. I am not just now in a position to say how many shifts are being worked there.

**Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:** May I know whether the Kargali washery will be sufficient to meet the needs of the Durgapur Steel Plant?

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** I suppose so.

**Shri C. D. Pande:** May I know if the Government is aware that the entire output of the washeries is not enough to meet the requirements of the present steel production which is supposed to be 4.5 million tons of finished steel? We are contemplating to double this output which means that the production would go up to about 10 million tons. May I know whether the Government proposes to make arrangements in time for other washeries for washing the coal required?

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** Our present output of coal washeries is sufficient for the present production of steel. I have already stated that we are going to have practically four coal washeries: one at Durgapur, one at Dugda, one at Pathardi and one at Bhojdi. That will be sufficient to meet the demands of the production of 4.5 million tons of finished steel.

As far as the further increase is concerned, that will depend upon the target that will be fixed for the Third Plan and the production of steel that is proposed. Of course, I am pretty sure that coal washeries will be planned according to the targets that will be fixed for the Third Plan.

**Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Referring to part (c) of the reply given by the Parliamentary Secretary, May I

know if the National Coal Development Corporation have given a proposal for the establishment of coal washeries in Korba and if so, why no mention of it was made in the reply?

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** I require notice.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know the circumstances in which the Coal Board has issued orders for the Jamshedpur steel works to use the selected grades of coal which they refused to use in view of the higher ash content. It has been said that the metallurgical coal production is sufficient and adequate.

**Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha:** At present we are not exclusively using washed coal for our steel production. We are using other types of selected coal also and therefore, probably the Coal Board has advised the use of selected grades of coal also along with washed coal.

#### Children's Museum, Delhi

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\*68. { **Shri R. C. Majhi:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**  
**Shri Pramathanath Banerjee:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plan and estimate of the Children's Museum in New Delhi have been prepared;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the project; and

(c) what steps have so far been taken to construct the museum?

**The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall):** (a) to (c). The plans and estimates for the buildings of the Children's Museum, New Delhi have been prepared, but not yet finalised.

**Shri R. C. Majhi:** May I know when it will be finalised?

**Dr. K. L. Shrimall:** They are being re-examined at present.

#### Pay Commission's Recommendations

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{ **Shri Vajpayee:**  
**Shri S. M. Banerjee:**  
 \*69. { **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:**  
**Shri Assar:**  
**Shri Ram Garib:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken in respect of the remaining recommendations of the Pay Commission;

(b) if so, the decisions taken; and

(c) the progress made in regard to their implementation?

**The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat):** (a) to (c). A statement containing the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 22.]

**Shri Vajpayee:** In view of the appeal made by the Prime Minister to the Central Government employees, may I know if there is any proposal to invite employees' organisations for consultation before taking any final decision on the remaining recommendations, particularly those which adversely affect them?

**Shri B. R. Bhagat:** It is not considered necessary because the associations and the unions had ample time to present their views to the Commission and their representations are subsequently before us. Whatever decisions we have taken, have been taken after considering the points of view raised by them. So, it is not considered necessary to invite them for further consultation.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** I want to know whether the Pay Commission recommended working on alternate Saturdays but the Government modified it so that the employees had to work on three Saturdays and the last Saturday is declared as a holiday. May I know whether the Government is aware....