

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: The order has been placed in March, 1961, but the actual work will be taken up in 1964-65, because we have got other work to complete.

Shri Damani: During the last year, how many coaches were produced for local requirements, and how many for exports?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: All are meant for local use.

Shri Heda: The hon. Deputy Minister has replied that the manufacture of the rail cars would be taken up in 1964-65. May I know whether on the routes where these rail cars are currently operating, the number of rail cars that are there at present will be maintained, or it will be depleted?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: We have programmed to construct 120 metre gauge rail cars, 67 broad gauge and 10 narrow gauge. Obviously, these will increase the rail car service.

श्रीमती कृष्णा महता : क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि यह जो नये डिब्बे लगाये गये है उन डिब्बों के अन्दर जो बन्द करने का बोल्ट होता है वह कई डिब्बों में टूट गया है और उसकी जगह जो चीज लगाई गई है वह ठीक न होने से अक्सर दरवाजा खुल जाता है ?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Is it about latches of the I.C.F coaches?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It is a suggestion for action.

Shri S. C. Samanta: The hon. Minister has said that the demand for rail cars and coaches is greater than the supply. May I know whether during the Third Five Year Plan this coach factory will be expanded or another factory is going to be set up?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: We have already gone into second shift. The production target was 350; after the introduction of the second shift recently we have now reached the figure of 640. We have to produce

700 for two shifts, which target we will be reaching very shortly.

Use of Gas for Domestic Purposes in Delhi

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*379. { **Shri Radha Raman:**
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri H. C. Heda:
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
Shri Vajpayee:
Shri Chunji Lal:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up and finally approved of any scheme for Delhi under which use of Gas will partially or wholly replace use of soft coke or other fuel for cooking and industrial purposes and ease the situation often caused by its short supply;

(b) if so, the nature of this scheme; and

(c) how it is proposed to be implemented and when?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

The Town Planning Organisation has carried out studies on the use of gas as a domestic fuel in Delhi and prepared a report entitled 'Gas for Delhi'. The report analyses the economics of gas and soft coke in the context of the present domestic fuel pattern in Delhi and presents a plea for substitution of expensive commercial fuels by soft coke and coal gas; the two bye-products of carbonisation of coal. It calls for transportation of hard coal itself with less of transportation charges so that both the bye-products viz. gas and soft coke could be utilised to the optimum. This will help to lower the domestic fuel expenditure in Delhi in all income groups.

2. The report has been forwarded to the authorities concerned for their consideration and action.

Shri Radha Raman: The statement says that the Town Planning Organisation has analysed the economics of such a scheme and that its report is sent to the authorities. May I know what are the recommendations which the Town Planning Organisation has made and whether such a scheme will involve import of machinery? If so, what will be the total cost of the scheme recommended by the Town Planning Organisation?

Shri Karmarkar: The Town Planning Organisation has worked out the economics of this project. In short, what it does mean is the importing of hard coke and then reducing it to soft coke and gas. That is estimated to work out cheaper for the consumer.

As regards the import of machinery; I should like to have notice.

Shri Radha Raman: In view of the difficulty experienced every year by the citizens of Delhi in obtaining soft coke as well as hard coke, may I know whether after the receipt of the report Government are seriously considering taking up this scheme and expediting its implementation?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It is a suggestion for action.

Shri Yadav Narayan Jadhav: It has been stated in the report that by the use of gas and soft coke will help to lower the domestic fuel expenditure in Delhi in all income groups. May I know by what percentage it will be lowered?

Shri Karmarkar: The present average monthly expenditure on domestic fuels has been estimated to be about Rs. 11 per month. This could be brought down to Rs. 7.5 per month. That is the estimate.

Mechanised Farms

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 *380. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
 Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
 Shri Indrajit Gupta:
 Shri Kodiyan:
 Shri Assar:
 Shri Birendra Bahadur Singhji:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 286 on the 24th February, 1961 and state:

(a) whether the question of setting up new Mechanised Farms on the line of the Suratgarh Mechanised Farm in Rajasthan has since been finalised;

(b) if so, the nature of decisions taken; and

(c) whether negotiations have been held with U.S.S.R. for obtaining agricultural equipment for setting up new Mechanised Farms?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) and (b). It is proposed to set up a second mechanised farm on the lines of the Suratgarh Farm at Jetsar in Rajasthan. Operational details are under examination.

(c) No, Sir.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know why it is that the second mechanised farm is also being set up in Rajasthan?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: It is because the site is readily available there. There is no question of evicting any farmers. To acquire 30,000 acres of irrigated land in any other place, we will have to evict at least 20,000—30,000 farmers who are already cultivating the land, whereas here the land is lying idle and fallow. The Rajasthan Canal is coming very soon in that area. So we thought we could start the second mechanised farm in that area.