

**The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):** I do not think so; the hon. Member seems to be wholly misinformed. This can never be possible, because strict scrutiny is always and constantly made. As regards the general question, in West Bengal, as the House might have seen, the figure is not very much. It is bigger in Assam no doubt. The West Bengal Government has been taking prompt action in this regard. I do not think the House should feel in any way nervous about this matter.

**The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon):** Reference was made by the hon. Member Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri to Army Headquarters in this connection if the hon. Member has any information we would like to have it.

**Mr. Speaker:** If the hon. Member has got any information, she will kindly pass it on to the Defence Minister.

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** I have some information, but I did not like to say it in the House, but I shall certainly send it.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is no harm in sending it privately.

**केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों की काम की दशा**

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\*५७०. { श्री भक्त दर्शन :  
श्री रामकृष्ण गुप्त :  
श्री दी० च० शर्मा :

क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री ७ सितम्बर, १९६१ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या १२९६ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों के कार्य की दशा के सम्बन्ध में नियुक्त अन्तः विभागीय जांच समिति की रिपोर्ट इस बीच मिल गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उस रिपोर्ट की एक प्रति तथा उसकी सिफारिशों पर किये गये निश्चयों को बताने वाला एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा जायेगा ;

(ग) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (क) का

उत्तर नकारात्मक है तो उस समिति का कार्य कब तक समाप्त हो जान की आशा है ; और

(घ) उसके कार्य में इतनी देरी होने के क्या कारण हैं ?

**गृह-कार्य उपमंत्री (श्रीमती आलवा) :**  
(क) से (ग). समिति की रिपोर्ट को अन्तिम रूप दिया जा रहा है और आशा की जाती है कि शीघ्र ही रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत कर दी जायेगी ।

(घ) इस समिति के सदस्य जो विभिन्न मंत्रालयों से लिये गये हैं अपने सामान्य कर्तव्यों के प्रतिरिक्त इस सामंति का कार्य कर रहे हैं । इस सामंति की जांच का क्षेत्र विस्तृत है जिसके लिये बहुत सामग्री एकत्रित करनी है और देश के विभिन्न भागों में स्थित कार्यालयों को जाकर देखना है ।

I shall read out the answer in English also.

(a) to (c). The Report of the Committee is being finalised and is expected to be submitted very shortly.

(d) The members of the Committee who are drawn from the various Ministries are working on it in addition to their normal duties. The scope of the enquiry is also wide, calling for the collection of voluminous data and visit to a large number of officers in different parts of the country.

**श्री भक्त दर्शन :** श्रीमन्, क्या गवर्नमेंट के ध्यान में यह बात आई है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों की अधिकांश संख्या खास कर चौथी श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों की प्रवस्था बहुत असन्तोषजनक है जिसके कारण उनके बीच में बहुत असन्तोष फैल रहा है, और इसलिये क्या गवर्नमेंट यह उचित नहीं समझती है कि जल्दी से जल्दी इस समिति की रिपोर्ट प्राप्त की जाय और उस पर अमल किया जाय ?

**श्रीमती अलवा :** माननीय सदस्य जितना असन्तोष उनमें बतलाते हैं उतना असन्तोष तो नहीं है लेकिन तो भी इस समिति की रिपोर्ट जल्दी से जल्दी अर्थात् दिसम्बर के अन्त तक प्राप्त हो जायेगी ।

**श्री बलराज मधोक :** क्या यह सत्य है कि चतुर्थ श्रेणी के बहुत से कर्मचारी जो मैट्रिक तथा हायर शिक्षा प्राप्त कर चुके हैं उनके लिए प्रमोशन का कोई रास्ता नहीं खुला है और इस कारण उनके अन्दर बड़ा असन्तोष फैला हुआ है और क्या उसको दूर करने के लिए उनको प्रमोशन देन की कोई योजना गवर्नमेंट के सामने है ?

**Shrimati Alva:** This is a separate question altogether.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** May I know what are the main terms of reference of this committee and whether they are confined only to the working conditions—working hours, place of work, etc., or whether they will cover certain aspects of service conditions also?

**Shrimati Alva:** It will be a very comprehensive approach for the welfare of the Government staff.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** At what level will the report of the committee be finalised? Will it be finalised at the departmental level or will it be at the inter-ministerial level?

**Shrimati Alva:** It is already at the inter-ministerial level. But the places to be visited all over India are so many, as I have stated in my answer, that it will take some time. Nevertheless, the draft report is ready. Perhaps by the end of the December, the report will be our hands.

**श्री विभूति मिश्र :** क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि यह सरकार अपन सब कर्मचारियों की तनखाहों आदि बढ़ाने के ही सबाल पर गौर कर रही है अथवा इस पर भी ध्यान देर ही है कि यह लोग आज कितना काम करते हैं

और यह कि उनसे किस तरह से ठीक से काम लिया जाय ?

**अध्यक्ष महोदय :** मंत्री महोदय के पास इस बारे में कोई जवाब है ?

**गृह-कार्य मंत्री (श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री) :** जी हाँ । माननीय सदस्य ने बहुत ही मुनासिब बात की तरफ ध्यान दिलाया है और मैं चाहता हूँ कि हमारे दोस्त जो उधर बैठे हैं वे भी आपके प्रश्न की तरफ अधिक ध्यान दें ।

**श्री भक्त वंशन :** श्रीमन्, माननीय उप-मंत्री महोदय ने अभी बतलाया कि दिसम्बर के अन्त तक इस समिति की रिपोर्ट प्राप्त हो जायेगी तो क्या यह आशा की जा सकती है कि देर से देर मार्च तक इस पर गवर्नमेंट का निर्णय हो जाएगा ताकि अगले आर्थिक वर्ष में इसको लागू किया जा सके ?

**श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री :** जी हाँ हम जरूर कोशिश करेंगे कि इस रिपोर्ट के आने के बाद उस पर जल्दी कार्यवाही की जाये क्योंकि वेलफेयर ऐक्टिविटीज ऐसी हैं कि उनमें हम जितनी जल्दी उनकी मदद कर सकें करनी चाहिए ।

**Shri Nath Pal:** The Deputy Minister was pleased to state that the enquiry is a very comprehensive one. We were very happy to hear it. Does it refer to the trade union rights of these employees? Will it be touching on such matters like Whitley Councils and if so, what is the relation of this enquiry to the proposed legislation which the Home Minister had promised to bring before the House?

**Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri:** It has nothing to do with it. Mainly the functions of the committee will be to keep a general look on welfare activity, make the experience of the different departments available to one another, maintain a degree of

uniformity in the pattern of assistance given to co-operative societies and other welfare organisations and to advise Government generally on welfare policies and programmes.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** May I know whether the various service associations and unions were also allowed to place evidence before this committee on various matters?

**Shrimati Alva:** That does not arise out of this. This is really for the welfare of the staff. It covers working conditions, resettlement of employees, dues, leave, gratuity, housing accommodation, facilities for education of children, medical facilities, transport, social, cultural and recreational activities, co-operative credit, co-operative consumers stores, benevolent fund—all these are included in this.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Member is only anxious about the matter of procedure. He wants to know whether those persons who are affected by this are allowed to make representations, if they so desire, either personally or otherwise.

**Shrimati Alva:** They do it through the unions.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** That is what I was asking.

**Mr. Speaker:** Next Question—Shri Ram Krishan Gupta—absent. Next Question—Shri D. C. Sharma.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** Question No. 572.

**Shri Tangamani:** Sir, Question No. 588 also may be taken along with this.

**Mr. Speaker:** That is also about lignite. That may also be answered.

### Lignite

\*572. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether a lignite seam has been uncovered at a depth of 180 feet at the southern end of the open cut mine in Neyveli some time in August 1961; and

(b) the qualitative and quantitative analysis of the lignite available there?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha):** (a) and (b). A statement giving the information desired is laid on the table of the House.

### Statement

The lignite seam at Neyveli was first exposed for excavation in August, 1961 at a depth of 180 feet. Tests carried out on the lignite taken out from this seam indicate that the quality of lignite is good. This confirms the results of the previous tests conducted both here and abroad on bulk samples. The results of the present analysis are given below:—

Moisture	51.55%
Volatile matter	24.11%
Ash	2.79%
Fixed carbon	21.55%
<i>Calorific value</i>	
(a) K cal/kg	3,090
(b) BTU/lb	5,561

The quantity of lignite reserves in an area of 100 sq. miles in and around Neyveli, is estimated to be about 2,000 million tons.

### Lignite

\*588. **Shri N. R. Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines, and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) what is the result of the test conducted by technical experts in