

was the necessity for appointing another Committee?

Sardar Swaran Singh: A subsequent award by a tribunal which stipulated a wage increase and also other factors which go into the cost structure: for instance, cement, steel, mining stores and equipment.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: It has been the practice of the Government to increase the price of coal by consulting only three big collieries. May I know if the Committee which has since been appointed will take an overall picture of coal mines in India?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I do not accept the first part of the suggestion that Government have been fixing the price of coal after consulting three big collieries. Government take into consideration all relevant factors and I am sure all relevant factors will be taken into consideration.

Shri Jhunjhunwala: Arising out of the answer of the hon. Minister that the cost cannot be calculated to the pie, may I know what is the difference between the actual cost and the estimated cost?

Sardar Swaran Singh: The question which was put by the hon. Lady Member was as to why a particular sum was indicated as the amount which was required for achieving a certain result.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: My question was how it was worked out without taking the cost of production into consideration.

Sardar Swaran Singh: I do not know what would be the reaction if I were to say that mathematics is probably beyond the purview of the hon. Lady Member.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: No, no.

Sardar Swaran Singh: I was saying that the hon. Lady Member had put the question as to why a particular amount was indicated as the cost of additional production of coal when

the quantity was fixed. All that I said was that the additional expenditure which is mentioned as the amount required for achieving that additional target has been calculated on the basis of estimates. As things develop, the prices of various materials go up or labour tribunals give awards which the Government have to respect, and the wage structure changes, then obviously those changes will be reflected in the cost structure, and certainly the total sum, if there is a price revision upwards, will change. There can be a revision downwards also in which case the total amount which is mentioned there will decrease.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know whether Government propose to lay down a policy about coal production in the public and private sectors only after this cost structure investigation is completed, or whether the policy that holds today will hold the ground?

Sardar Swaran Singh: The policy is to increase production both in the public sector and the private sector. The additional targets have also been indicated in the Plan and it is Government's intention to stick to those targets.

India Office Library

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*191. { Shri Radha Raman:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state the progress so far made in arriving at a settlement with the British Government about the India Office Library in London?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrivastava): There has been no further development since Question No. 415 on the subject was answered in the Lok Sabha on 26th November, 1956.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if there has been any further correspondence between the Government of India and the U.K. Government on the subject, and if so, what is the nature of that correspondence?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: The High Commissioner of India has recently sent a further reminder to the Office of the Commonwealth Secretary to send a reply to the note which was handed over to him personally, but so far we have not received any reply.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know whether the question of referring this matter to the International Court of Justice has been considered by the Government, and if so, with what result?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: That question does not arise because we are still hopeful that the U.K. Government will take a reasonable view of things.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if the Government of India has been in touch with the Government of Pakistan in order to arrive at a joint policy for the achievement of this objective?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: Some discussion had taken place at a previous stage, but nothing has happened recently.

Shri C. K. Bhattacharya: May I know whether the proposal to have the library partitioned between India and Pakistan is still before the Government of India?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall: The whole question is under a negotiation.

Coal Washing Plant at Kargall

*192. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made up-to-date in regard to the installation of coal washing plant at Kargali;

(b) whether the machinery and equipment required for the plant have since been received from Japan;

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to expedite the same; and

(d) when the plant is likely to be commissioned?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). The plant and equipment required for the washery has been fabricated in Japan. One-fourth of the plant and equipment has so far been received at the site, and the remaining portion is expected to be received within the next few months, in time for the timely completion of the project. 5 per cent of the structural work has been completed at the site.

(c) No delay is anticipated in the receipt of the plant and equipment in time.

(d) About January 1958.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know whether this time-schedule of its coming into operation by January, 1958, has been drawn up in consultation with the management of Bhilai Steel Plant because the washed coal from this is to be mainly supplied to the Bhilai Steel Plant?

Sardar Swaran Singh: There has been consultation between the two organisations, and it is known to the Bhilai organisation that this is the target for the completion of the washery.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: The likely capacity of this plant is about 550 tons per hour. May I know from which collieries this is to be drawn, whether it is going to be drawn mainly from Bokharo, and if so, what arrangements have been made to step up production at Bokharo coal fields?

Sardar Swaran Singh: All that has been taken into consideration, and I can assure the hon. Member that the washery will not lie idle. The development programmes of the various collieries which are to feed this washery have been so formulated that