

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): So far as diplomatic etiquette is concerned, I should think that the original statement by the Foreign Minister of Pakistan was not in conformity with any etiquette, diplomatic or other. The other matter, that is, not receiving a reply, I suppose, also might be considered unusual. I suppose it was difficult to reply and so they did not perhaps reply to it.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if any reminder was sent to the Pakistan Prime Minister during this period when the first letter was sent and the reply was not received?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: In this particular matter, instead of sending a formal note, I sent a message myself to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on this subject and to that there has been no reply. I am not sending any reminders because I do not think it necessary to send reminders on this question. Since then, there had been other speeches which also might be considered rather unusual for the Ministers of that Government to make in regard to another Government.

Safety Measures in Coal Mines

*234. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has since been taken regarding the appointment of a 'High Power Commission' to enquire into the safety measures in the coal mines;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be appointed; and

(c) if not, the reason thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) to (c). The matter is receiving consideration.

The Minister of Labour and Employment and Planning (Shri Nanda): Since the time this answer was drafted, we have given further consideration to the matter and we have come to

decision that we should move in this matter soon.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: What will be the composition of the Commission and when it is appointed? Will any representatives from the Central Trade Unions be taken in?

Shri Abid Ali: One representative of the workers will be taken on the Commission.

Shri P. C. Bose: May I know if the Government has ratified the conventions and recommendations of the I.L.O. in regard to the prevention of accidents in mines?

Shri Abid Ali: The I.L.O. conventions were taken into consideration while drafting the regulations.

Shri Keshava: May I know if the Government contemplates the appointment of similar High Power Commissions for manganese and mica also?

Shri Abid Ali: Not at present.

World Youth Festival

*236. **Shri Radha Raman:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India will be represented at World Youth Festival at Moscow by our youths; and

(b) if so, the procedure proposed to be adopted to select representatives of various Indian youth organisations?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Yes.

(b) Eleven recognised youth and students organisations, which have an all-India character, have been requested to select their representatives.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know whether the Government has restricted the number of youths going to this festival representing India and, if so, what is that number?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: Yes, Sir; the number is 80.