

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The rate of interest, as my hon. friend would understand, depends upon the project, the period for which the loan is asked for, and it varies from loan to loan.

Shri Heda: May I know approximately what will be the loan involved in the foreign exchange that is needed for the schemes enumerated under the three heads given here?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: It is difficult to say that, until we get from the World Bank an idea as to what they are going to finance. I cannot say precisely what our foreign exchange needs will be. Actually our foreign exchange needs are considerably greater than what we can expect the World Bank to finance so far as our Railway requirements are concerned.

Shri Joachim Alva: In the matter of the purchase of boeing jets for the Air India International, was it open to the Air International, to go to other world centres of aviation and buy similar jets, or did the World Bank give any kind of direction that these should be purchased only from America?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Well, Sir, so far as the loan that has been floated by the Air India International is concerned, their needs are not completely covered by the loan that is given by the World Bank. We have had a floatation in New York, America, and we are also expecting some loan in respect of the sterling component of the needs of the Air India International in respect of the purchase of boeing jets.

Shri H. C. Mathur: May I know what is the estimated expectation of the Government of India?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. We will go to the next question.

Zoological Survey Headquarters

*334. **Shri Sadhan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to shift

the Headquarters of the Zoological Survey of India from Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Education and Scientific Research (Shri M. M. Das): (a) No, Sir. The matter is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: Is it a fact that it was completed to build a fire-proof house to house the valuable collections under the Zoological Survey of India, and the construction of this House has now been abandoned because of the decision to transfer the headquarter of the Zoological Survey of India from Calcutta, although the preliminary work in connection with the construction was undertaken two years ago?

Shri M. M. Das: It is a fact that a decision was taken for building a fire-proof building for preserving the spirit-preserved specimens of the Zoological Department and also other departments in Calcutta, but the construction was not begun. It has not yet been abandoned. There has been some difficulty and the construction has been simply postponed for the time being.

Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya: What are the difficulties?

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the difficulties have been discussed with the State Government of West Bengal? If it is a question of want of lands, may I know whether the 50 acres of land lying with the Central Government there will be utilised?

Shri M. M. Das: As far as I know, no discussion has been held with the State Government, but it is a fact that the Government of India has got some areas of land in Calcutta. What is the exact area of that land, whether it is 50 acres or 100 acres, I do not know. Only recently the Government of West Bengal acquired for the Gov-

ernment of India about 27 acres of land in exchange of the Hastings House property which formerly belonged to the Government of India.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: May I know what the difficulties actually are, because the House apparently was to have been constructed in the compound of the Indian Museum in Calcutta and so it does not appear to be a question of want of land?

Shri M. M. Das: Perhaps the hon. Member is referring to the fire-proof building. I do not know what is the exact cause for postponing construction of this building. The decision was taken in the year 1952. The information which is at present at my disposal—and I do not want to commit myself upon that—is that there is a small tank in the compound of the Indian Museum in Calcutta. That tank was to be filled up and the building was to be built there. Therefore, some time must pass for the settling up of the newly filled tank. Some such difficulties are there.

Shri B. C. Ghose: From the answer to the first part of the question, I presume that it is not proposed to shift the headquarters from Calcutta. Then, I should like to ask what is the matter under consideration.

Shri M. M. Das: I think so far as my poor knowledge in English goes, we have interpreted this question as to whether the Government of India have decided to shift the headquarters of the Zoological Survey of India from Calcutta.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: The word is "proposed".

Shri M. M. Das: There is a difference between "whether it is proposed to shift" and "whether there is a proposal before the Government to shift".

गैर-सरकारी कोयला खानें

*३३५. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या इस्पात, खान और ईंधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा

करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय कितने गैर-सरकारी कोयला खानें बन्द पड़ी हैं,

(ख) उन के बन्द होने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने जा रही है ?

खान और तल मंत्री (श्री के० बे० मालवीय) : (क) से (ग) : अभी जानकारीयां उपलब्ध नहीं हैं जो कुछ भी जानकारीयां एकत्रित की जा सकेंगी, सभा पटल पर प्रस्तुत कर दी जायेंगी ।

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : आप को कितने दिनों में जानकारी प्राप्त होगी ? आप जानते हैं कि कोयले की बहुत शार्टेज है हिन्दुस्तान में, और जब खानें इस प्रकार से बन्द रहेंगी तो देश का काम कैसे चलेगा ?

श्री के० बे० मालवीय : वास्तव में बात तो यह है कि इस जानकारी से कोई सहायता नहीं मिलेगी जो कि चीफ इंस्पेक्टर आफ माइंस धीरे धीरे एकत्र कर रहे हैं । रहा यह कि कौन सी खान बन्द हो गई और क्यों बन्द हो गई, यह दूसरा प्रश्न है और यह समस्या कि हम किस तरह से अपना कोयले का उत्पादन बढ़ा सकें यह बिल्कुल दूसरा प्रश्न है । जहां तक कोयले के उत्पादन को बढ़ाने का प्रश्न है यह बड़ा गम्भीर मामला है और गवर्नमेंट इस पर विचार कर रही है । इस का कार्यक्रम भी बन गया है और १२ मिलियन टन कोयला बढ़ाने का प्रबन्ध गवर्नमेंट कर रही है । अलग अलग खानों के बन्द हो जाने का जो कारण है, उस से हमें ज्यादा सहायता नहीं मिलेगी, लेकिन हम उसे एकत्र कर रहे हैं और जैसे ही वह सूचना मिल जायेगी हम आप के सामने रख देंगे ।

Shri A. C. Guha: How long will the Government allow these private collieries to be closed down and when do the Government intend to intervene so that the collieries may be worked?