

### Coke-oven Enquiry Committee

\*1631. { Shri Ghosal:  
Shri B. Dasgupta:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations made by the Coke-oven Enquiry Committee;

(b) whether these recommendations have been accepted by the Government of India; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra):** (a) The recommendations made by the Committee which are based upon the assessment of the demand and supply position for hard coke and the economics of the Durgapur scheme of the West Bengal Government are set out in the note which has been placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 21]

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Shri Ghosal:** May I know whether the production of coke plant of the West Bengal Government will be sufficient for the Durgapur steel plant?

**Mr. Speaker:** He wants to know whether the quantity that is produced in that plant will be sufficient for the Durgapur project.

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** We have estimated the demand as it will occur in 1960; we have not related the demand particularly to the Durgapur Steel works. But I think we have got an estimate of the shortage that we may have.

**Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:** May I know whether the gas grid project of the Durgapur coke oven scheme for supplying gas to Calcutta and areas in between Durgapur and Calcutta has been recommended and, if so, whether it has been accepted by the Central Government?

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** I have to enquire about it. There is some correspondence going on between the Planning Commission and the Chief Minister.

Two things, particularly, I have in my mind. One is regarding expansion of the size and another regarding the utilisation of the by-product.

**Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:** No; I am asking about the gas grid. As far as I understand, the proposal of the West Bengal Government was to build a gas grid from Durgapur to Calcutta to supply gas to Calcutta city and surrounding areas. What has been done with regard to that? Where does that matter stand now?

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** I am not quite sure about any reference having been made. As I said just now, we have got two things under examination at the moment.

**Shri Tangamani:** In the statement it is stated that if the renovation programmes of the four private merchant cokeries are completed, their capacity by 1960 would be more than 300,000 tons. May we know at what stage these private cokeries are now?

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** I can only say that this project is under construction at the moment. Having completed the foundation work, they have begun construction.

**Shri B. Dasgupta:** There was also a proposal for gas grid from Durgapur to Chittaranjan. May I know whether Government is also contemplating completion of that?

**Shri S. N. Mishra:** That is not related to this question.

### Second All India Agricultural Labour Enquiry

\*1632. **Shri R. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made by the Second All India Agricultural Labour Enquiry; and

(b) the findings, if any?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) and (b). The field work of the Second All-India Agricultural Labour Enquiry is expected to be completed shortly. Thereafter the data collected will be tabulated and report drafted.