

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** What is the total amount spent on the tours of the Members of this Planning Commission?

**Shri Hathli:** As I said just now, there are only two Members drawing pay, and their salaries are Rs. 2,250/- and Rs. 1,800/-.

**Mr. Speaker:** Can he give the break-up figures for tours?

**Shri Hathli:** I have no figures with me for that.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das:** I have one question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Let us go to the next question. There are other questions.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das:** The Planning Commission.....

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. Let the Planning Commission report come.

#### METALLURGICAL COAL

\*543. **Sardar A. S. Saigal:** (a) Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state whether it is a fact that all types of metallurgical coal will be reserved for stowing and washing?

(b) For how many years is the reserve calculated to last?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) It is intended that compulsory stowing for conservation will be enforced in the case of all mines working metallurgical coal, of selected grades and also of grades I and II, if they can be benefited to give large yields of low ash coal. Washing will be necessary primarily in the case of inferior grades of coal so as to make such coal suitable for metallurgical purposes. The problems connected with stowing for conservation and of coal washing are now engaging the attention of the Coal Board, but no detailed plans have yet been finalised by the Board.

(b) At the present rate of output, the reserves of metallurgical coal will last for about 80 years, if no new reserves are discovered and if no measures are taken for stowing, blending and washing; but with stowing, blending and washing, the present reserves will last for about 160 years and for a longer period according to the extent of discovery of new reserves.

#### INDUSTRIAL HOUSING

\*544. **Prof. Agarwal:** (a) Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state whether Government have drawn up definite schemes for the utilisation of Rupees Nine crores on Industrial Housing during 1952-53?

(b) If so, how many new houses are expected to be completed during the current year?

(c) Which cities have been included in the scheme?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh):** (a) As the hon. Member is probably aware, a Subsidised Housing Scheme for industrial workers for the current financial year has already been published. Out of a total provision of Rs. 9 crores in the current year's Budget, a sum of over Rs. 7.16 crores is proposed to be spent on industrial housing alone. The balance of the amount, is available to be spent on schemes of slum clearance and loans to House-building Societies of non-industrial low-income groups if suitable schemes are forthcoming.

(b) 28,500 single-roomed tenements are scheduled for construction, under the current year's provision.

(c) The Government's Scheme does not confine itself to particular cities. It is for the various State Governments to scrutinise the requirements of the various cities within their jurisdiction before sending their proposals for aid to the Central Govt. They would doubtless have regard to the pressure of industrial labour and the existing available accommodation for such labour before they forward their proposals to the Central Government.

**Prof. Agarwal:** Is there any provision in the scheme for the construction of the houses through labour co-operatives?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** Yes, Sir.

**Prof. Agarwal:** Is there any provision for the construction of houses for labour engaged in small-scale industries in cities?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** Yes, Sir, if they came within the definition of industrial labour.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** Is there any scheme for industrial housing round about Calcutta?

**Sardar Swaran Singh:** Yes, Sir.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know, Sir, the policy adopted in slum clearance in cities—whether they are merely sent out by paying a nominal price to the huts, or whether alternative hutments are provided for them?

**Mr. Speaker:** I do not see how it arises, really speaking.