

**The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** We cannot state what the attitude of the French Government may be. They have stated in the past that there should be a referendum on this issue and after that, the House will remember, we pointed out to them that their own activities there had made any fair referendum quite impossible. That is where the matter stands.

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** Are there still border incidents? Has the border patrol been strengthened to prevent such incidents?

**Shri Anil K. Chanda:** As I said, on the 21st February, there was a pretty serious incident on the border. But, otherwise, of late, there has been some little change for the better. In these areas our police force has been increased.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know whether migration of families from the French territories to India is still going on?

**Shri Anil K. Chanda:** We have no information.

**Shri A. C. Guha:** May I know whether there were any cases of hooliganism when the preparation for the holding of the referendum was going on, and whether any persons had been arrested by the French Government for those acts of hooliganism?

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** The hon. Member is perhaps speaking of something that happened two years ago.

**Shri A. C. Guha:** When the preparation for the referendum was going on.

**Shri Jawaharlal Nehru:** There was no preparation for referendum going on.

**Shri Venkataraman:** Have the Government lodged any protests against such border incidents, and have they received any satisfactory answer from them?

**Shri Anil K. Chanda:** With regard to the previous incidents, we have of course made our protests both to the Government in Paris as well as to the Government in Pondicherry.

Several Hon. Members *rose*—

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Order, order. This has been sufficiently answered. Next question.

#### WAGONS FOR TRANSPORT OF COAL

**\*446. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to refer to a supplementary question raised on starred question No. 534 asked on the 21st November, 1952, and state the number of wagons allotted per day for the movement of coal from the coalfields for internal consumption in this country?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** An average of 3,474 wagons a day from all fields in 1952.

**Dr. Hari Mohan:** May I know whether any representation by the Indian Collieries Union has been received by the hon. Minister on this subject?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** Regarding wagon supply? Various representations are being received from various associations, the Mining Federation and the Mining Association, about the transport position generally, at various times.

**Babu Ramnarayan Singh:** What is the number of wagons demanded for the carriage of coal?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** For the current year?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** This supply of 3,474 wagons is against a demand of 4,622 wagons.

**Shri A. C. Guha:** May I know whether in spite of the supply of these wagons, there has been any accumulation of coal near the colliery sites, and whether those accumulations are likely to be removed soon?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I think I have answered a similar question by the hon. Member on a previous occasion, and I answered at that time that the pit-head stocks are gradually going down.

#### PROTO-TYPE APPLICATION OF WROUGHT TITANIUM AND ITS ALLOYS

**\*447. Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Imperial Chemical Industries in India have made any attempts towards the development of proto-type applications of wrought titanium and its alloys in the engineering and the aero-engineering fields;

(b) whether any plant has been installed; and

(c) if so, the experiments done so far and their results?