

**Shri Meghnad Saha:** Has the Shipyard been able to finish its quota?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** That question does not arise.

**Shri Nanadas:** Will any private or foreign firm be associated with this scheme?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** It is not possible to say now what shape the scheme will take.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** May I know whether such engines and boilers will be manufactured in the Hindusthan Shipyard within the Plan period?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I cannot say definitely.

#### PRICE FIXATION OF MICA

\*380. **Shri Gopala Rao:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the steps Government have taken for (i) the proper graduation of mica splittings and block mica; and (ii) fixation of minimum prices for each grade?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (i) The Indian standards Institution has taken up the work.

(ii) Government do not contemplate fixation of minimum prices.

**Shri Nanadas:** May I know whether the gradation is at present being done at the mines or in certain towns?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** The question of standards for the purpose of gradation have not yet been fixed. I cannot say whether these gradations are being done either at the mines or at the exporting level. No gradation is being done which can be related to any scheme of standards.

#### Short Notice Question and Answer

#### STRIKE IN INDIAN IRON AND STEEL COMPANY

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the continuing deterioration of steel production in Burnpur as a consequence of the protracted slow-down strike going on there;

(b) whether Government are aware of the attitude of hostility shown by the Indian Iron and Steel Company as well as by the State Government concerned towards the workers' desire for a change in the constitution of their Union; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken to ensure that the revenue to be derived by the Central Government from the said Company's earnings does not continue to decrease and the Five Year Plan targets of steel production are not jeopardised?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government are aware that it is not a fact that the State Government or, for that matter, even the management have taken up a hostile attitude towards peaceful efforts on the part of labour to manage their union affairs.

(c) The Central and State Governments have been doing their best to persuade the workers to desist from continuing their present attitude of slowing down production to an extent that it not only affects national earnings but also has caused damage and is likely to cause serious damage to plant and equipment with its consequent mal-effects on the national economy.

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Sir, have Government called for a report from the State Government regarding the circumstances in which seven people, including a boy of eleven, were killed by police firing on July 5th when the workers placed before the Sub-Divisional Officer the demands of their Action Committee which was functioning only because the workers had no confidence in the President and the Secretary of the Union?

**Dr. M. M. Doss:** May I know, Sir, whether the question of the hon.