

operatives if the Government of the Part C or D State recommends that such loans should be given.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: May I know, Sir, whether the handloom industries come within the purview of this scheme?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Perhaps, Sir, it is a small-scale industry. But we have a different scheme altogether for it, and the grants that have been made for small-scale industries are something exclusive of handlooms.

DEPARTMENT OF STATIONERY AND PRINTING

*1349. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to refer to the comments made by his Ministry, in connection with the Printing and Stationery Department on the 1st April, 1953 on the point raised by Prof. Sharma to improve the quality of printing—(vide page 4 of the statement examining points raised by Members of Parliament on Demands for Grants of the Ministry, Department of Stationery and Printing, Annexure No. VII of Supplementary statement No. 1, showing action taken on assurances etc. given during the Third Session of 1953 of the House of the People) and state:

(a) whether the technical adviser's views on the subject could be ascertained on the subject;

(b) if so, what are they;

(c) whether as a result of examination conducted to this effect as outlined above, any action is likely to be taken in the direction of improving the quality of the work; and

(d) whether any steps are being taken to raise the standard of execution?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) A copy of the Technical Adviser's note is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 44.]

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir.

श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : मैं मिनिस्टर साहब से यह जानना चाहता हूँ जसाकि बयान में दिया गया है कि वर्कमैनशिप, मेटेरियल और डिजाइन की वजह से हमारे प्रेस में काम सफाई का नहीं हो रहा है जसा कि होना चाहिये। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या वजह है कि यही काम प्राइवेट सेक्टर में ज्यादा अच्छी तरह से होता है और गवर्नमेंट प्रेस में इस तरह से नहीं होता है। क्या इस सम्बन्ध में गवर्नमेंट कोई प्रबन्ध कर रही है कि उस का काम उसी तरह से अच्छा होने लगे जसा कि प्राइवेट सेक्टर में हो रहा है ?

Sardar Swaran Singh: Sir, the presumption underlying this question is not correct.

श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : बयान में यह दिया गया है कि हमारे यहां के कारीगर उतने होशियार नहीं हैं जितने कि विलायत के हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार सोच रही है कि उन को उसी मुकाबले का काम सिखाने के लिये यहां से कुछ लोग बाहर भेज जायगे ?

Sardar Swaran Singh: That, Sir, is a suggestion for action. In the statement, a copy of which has been laid on the Table, steps that are necessary to be taken in this connection are also indicated, and I have already said in the reply that all those matters are under the consideration of the Government.

श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : यह बात कितने दिन तक होने की आशा की जा सकती है ?

Shrimati A. Kale: May I know, Sir, the comparative cost of stationery printed in Government department and similar stationery printed by private people?

Sardar Swaran Singh: That, Sir, is too general a question. Unless any specific item is indicated, it will not be easy for me to give any comparative figures.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know, Sir, whether Government are prepared to accept all the views expressed by the Technical Adviser, and whether they will be implemented?

Sardar Swaran Singh: That is exactly the matter which is under consideration, Sir.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: In view of the fact that neither the stationery supplied to us here nor the debates have yet improved either in quality or in the timing, does the hon. Minister propose to look into the whole matter and see if anything can be done?

Sardar Swaran Singh: I am prepared to look into it. I have already been looking into it, and that is the reason why it was referred to a Technical Adviser.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: How long will it take for the hon. Minister to consider this matter, since it has been pending for a considerably long time?

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Two and a half years.

Sardar Swaran Singh: I do not know whether I can prescribe any time limit. I am doing my best, and steps have already been taken in this connection.

OPENING OF NEW COLLIERIES

*1350. **Dr. M. M. Das:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Coal Board has banned the opening of new collieries in the Jharia and Raniganj fields; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the main reason for taking the above decision is the transport difficulties for carrying the coal from the mines?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey): (a) and (b). The power to grant or refuse permission for the opening of new collieries vests in the Coal Commissioner and not in the Coal

Board. In view of the high level of production in the Raniganj and Jharia fields and the disparity between it and the availability of transport, the Coal Commissioner considered that no further applications for the opening of new collieries should be entertained for the present. The intention was not to add to the existing number of producing units and thereby lead to serious over-production in the particular region. Where adequate justification exists, cases are considered on their own merits, subject, of course, to the policy of conservation in the case of coking coal.

Dr. M. M. Das: The hon. Minister has said in his reply that coal production has gone up. May I know whether our present output of coal has reached the target fixed by the Planning Commission?

Shri R. G. Dubey: Yes, Sir. It is nearing the target fixed by the Planning Commission.

Dr. M. M. Das: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the present policy of the Government regarding issue of new licences is that permission for new collieries will only be given if the transport facilities in that particular region where the mine is situated are available?

Shri R. G. Dubey: The position is not exactly so. The impression has been wrongly created that there is a total ban on the opening of new collieries, whereas there is a Committee, and the Coal Commissioner is guided by the advice of this Committee. Apart from the factor of transport, other factors are also considered, for example siding facilities.

Dr. M. M. Das: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that a few days ago one of the Members of the Planning Commission went to Calcutta to discuss with the West Bengal Government regarding providing transport facilities to the coal mines in this area of Jharia and Raniganj.