

behalf of India anywhere. Therefore, we have referred the matter to our Embassy there to inform us what the facts are—there is no question of any condition, but we have asked them to inform us what the facts are.

SINGARENI COLLIERIES

*687. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state when Government will be able to meet in full the indents for iron and steel placed by Singareni Collieries Company?

(b) Is any priority likely to be given in the matter of allocation of iron and steel to the company in view of the fact that the production of coal has to be stepped up by one million tons under the Five Year Plan?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey): (a) The supply of iron and steel is still inadequate. The demand can be fully met only when the supply position improves.

(b) Demands received from Collieries are considered by the Coal Commissioner, within the limitation placed by the overall shortage of iron and steel and quotas allotted on merits. It will be ensured that due consideration is paid to the requirements of this colliery in the interests of stepping up production.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know whether, in view of the inadequate supplies of iron and steel, Government propose to lower the targets fixed under the Five Year Plan?

Shri R. G. Dubey: There is no such proposal before the Government of India.

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): The Planning Commission did not recommend that the production in these collieries should be increased by one million tons. It was the Working Party on coal that made such a recommendation, and listed a number of measures to be

taken to achieve this target in respect of this particular colliery. They do not relate merely to supply of necessary quantity of iron and steel, but consist of several recommendations made by them, such as:

- (a) Expansion of railway sidings,
- (b) Erection of a new screening plant.
- (c) Provision of a few additional coal cutters, and
- (d) Opening up of new collieries, etc.

These matters have been brought to the notice of the Hyderabad Government, who are now owning and operating these collieries, and we have received a communication from the Hyderabad Government that they are giving their attention to these recommendations, and trying to find methods for stepping up the production in this particular colliery.

SUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS OF BUSES AND LORRIES IN HYDERABAD

*688. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether the supply of spares and parts of buses and lorries against indents placed by the Road Transport Department, Hyderabad Government, in London and U.S.A. have since been received;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) whether Government propose to lay a copy of the quarterly reports called for from the India Stores Department, London and Supply Mission, New York on the Table of the House?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) to (c). I place on the Table of the House a statement indicating the present position. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 57.]

As the quarterly reports are bulky documents and contain a lot of figures, perhaps the Hon'ble Member