

## COAL

\*24. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of coal during the period from 1st January to 30th September 1953;

(b) how it compares with the production for the corresponding period last year; and

(c) the total quantity exported during the periods under reference?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri E. G. Dubey):** (a) to (c). The production and exports during 1953 and 1952 (January to September) were as follows:

	Production	Exports
	(Tons)	(Tons)
1953 (Jan.-Sept.)	27,070,304	1,623,569
1952 (Jan.-Sept.)	27,137,835	2,597,690

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the statement of Mr. Sim, Chairman of the Bengal Coal Company to the effect that the fall in exports was due to restrictions placed on the export of select 'A' Grade Coal?

**Shri E. G. Dubey:** No, I am not aware of it.

**Shri Nanadas:** May I know to which countries coal was exported during the last year?

**Shri E. G. Dubey:** Last year, it was exported to Australia, Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, and several other countries.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know the reasons for the fall in raisings in 1953?

**Shri E. G. Dubey:** In 1953, the production was lessened not due to any difficulties, but because the Coal Commissioner in one of the advisory meetings, advised the producers that there being a general shortage of

transport facilities, they should not overproduce.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** What was the corresponding unemployment?

**Shri R. G. Dubey:** There was no unemployment as such, appreciably.

## BHADRAVATI IRON AND STEEL WORKS

\*25. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to answers given to supplementaries to Starred question No. 1848 on the 5th May, 1953 and state whether the provision of Rs. 100 lakhs made in the current year for assistance to Bhadravati Iron and Steel Works, Mysore State has since been drawn by the Company?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** Rs. 45.48 lakhs have been drawn so far.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know whether the amount will be utilised for the installation of a cast iron plant or a spun pipe plant?

**Shri T. T. Krishnamachari:** The amount so far drawn has been utilised for the additional electric furnaces—they have got two additional electric furnaces—which are being built. So far as the spun pipe plant is concerned, we are making some allotment for being drawn this year, but that would be in addition to the Rs. 45,48,000 drawn already.

## LOCAL WORKS PROGRAMME

\*26. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the number and nature of schemes completed so far under the Local Works Programme of the National Plan; and

(b) the total amount of money spent so far on those Works by Government and the total amount of contribution received from the people?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House which explains the present