

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) and (b). Information is awaited from the State Governments, but the items of work will conform generally to the programme outlined in the pamphlet "Organisation of National Extension Service and expansion of the Community Development Programme".

(c) Voluntary contribution will be in addition to the allotted expenditure.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know whether the normal expenditure for agriculture, health and other items of work that is always incurred by the State Governments also will form part of this expenditure or that will be in addition?

**Shri Hathi:** This would be additional expenditure.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know whether the items now taken up are all that have been taken up or they will be taken up gradually in the course of the progress of this work?

**Shri Hathi:** That would depend on local circumstances.

**Shri N. M. Lingam:** May I know the agency for maintaining the works undertaken by the National Extension Service? For instance, if a road is constructed by the villagers, I want to know the agency that would maintain the road thereafter.

**Shri Hathi:** Normally it will be the agency which generally should maintain it. That is to say, if it is the *gram* panchayat, it will be the *gram* panchayat; if it is the local board, it will be the local board; if it is the municipality, it will be the municipality.

#### SHORTAGE OF COKING COAL

\*1211. **Shri Barman:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an acute shortage of coking coal in the districts of Jalpaiguri, Darjeeling and Cooch Behar in West Bengal for some time; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G.**

**Dubey):** (a) Presumably the Member has in mind "cooking" (soft coke) coal and not "Coking" coal. Recently there have been reports of shortage of soft coke in these places.

(b) Movement of coal to North-Bengal is routed *via* Mokameh Ghat and Bhagalpur which are limited routes and the shortage was due to restrictions and limitations imposed on movement *via* these routes on a number of days during the last two months.

**Shri Barman:** I accept the correction. May I ask whether in the transportation of coal at Mokameh Ghat and Bhagalpur difficulty arises on account of the shallow waters in dry season and if so whether the Railways would be asked to use country boats?

**Shri R. G. Dubey:** So far as that aspect is concerned, the Railway Ministry may be approached. I can say that recently they have taken steps to improve the supply.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** May we know whether the dust coal that is available in the Bakrakota collieries in the Jalpaiguri District could be utilised for the purpose of making soft coke through brick-kilning process?

**Shri R. G. Dubey:** That matter has not been enquired into.

#### JUTE INQUIRY COMMISSION

\*1212. **Shri K. K. Basu:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) when the Jute Inquiry Commission is expected to submit its report;

(b) whether the terms of reference have been widened since its appointment; and

(c) if so, what are those terms?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) By the end of the month.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.