

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Production (Shri R. G. Dubey):** (a) The open tender system was adopted by the Pakistan Government, for obtaining coal supplies from India, from 1st May, 1954, and it is too early to say whether under this system coal exports to Pakistan have increased.

(b) No particular advantage is likely to accrue to the Indian colliery owners and traders by the adoption, by the Pakistan Government, of the open tender system.

**Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** May I know whether this has tended towards competition and lowering of the rates?

**Shri R. G. Dubey:** Not exactly competition. I may say that because of the introduction of the open tender system, the Pakistan Government has the option to make their selection in the open market irrespective of the grade.

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** May I say that the question of lowering of prices by competition does not arise, because the prices of coal are controlled.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** May I know whether the Government of Pakistan has requested the Government of India to send coal through the land route and not by the sea route? If it is so, in what way will it affect our transport in the country?

**Shri R. G. Dubey:** It is a fact that the Pakistan Government has been insisting that the maximum quantity may be exported by the rail route via Mogalsarai. It is not possible for the Government of India to meet all these supplies by this route because it is likely that the internal supplies may be affected. However, we have agreed to send to the extent of about 48,000 tons by the rail route via the west.

**Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** As I just now learn from the answer given by the hon. Minister that coal prices

are controlled, I want to clear up one doubt and it is this. As regards this open tender system, the prices will be competitive according to quotation and tenders. May I know how this is reconciled with the continuance of control on coal prices?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** By the open tender system, the Pakistan Government would be in a position to select their firms for the supply of coal. Hitherto, the Pakistan Government had to place a consolidated demand on the Coal Commissioner who in his turn would select the firms and decide the quantity and quality of coal to be exported to Pakistan, keeping in view the internal requirements, etc. The only change is, under the open tender system, Pakistan would be in a position to select the firms. The question of price does not come in. I reiterate that what I said quite fits in with the system now introduced.

#### BICYCLES (EXPORTS)

\*999. **Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bicycles manufactured in India which have been exported during the period 1953-54;

(b) what is the price fixed at the time of export; and

(c) the countries to which they were exported?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) and (c). Exports of bicycles are not separately recorded in Trade statistics. The information, furnished by the manufacturers, however, shows that 200 bicycles were exported in 1953-54 to Tibet.

(b) There is no control on prices of cycles. It is understood that the 200 cycles were exported to Tibet for Rs. 23,600/-.

**Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** Do we manufacture cycles surplus to our requirements, to allow exports to other countries?

**Shri Karmarkar:** As the hon. Member may be aware, our local production falls short of our requirements. But, in the meanwhile, bicycles were required in Tibet. With a view to encourage exports in the near future when we are likely to produce more than our requirements, they were sent with a view to develop an export market.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** According to the new import policy, we are to import cycles from outside. May I know the countries from which we shall import and how their price will compare with the price of cycles manufactured in India?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** Normally, we import from the U. K. But, cycles are imported from other countries as well: e.g. Japan and Germany. Even from U.S.A. they can be imported if somebody wants. Prices differ from make to make. Ordinarily, in the case of standard bicycles which are made in this country like those made by Sen-Raleigh Co, which are called 'Robinhood' and by the T.I. Cycles, Hercules, etc. the price of imported article is slightly higher than the prices marked locally.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know whether it is a fact that some cycles or cycle accessories were sent from India to Western Germany and if so, what is the result?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I have no information.

#### आकाशवाणी

\*१००२. श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या शिक्षा सम्बन्धी कार्यक्रमों को छात्रों में लोकप्रिय बनाने के लिये कोई नई कार्यवाहियां की गई हैं ;

(ख) क्या इस सम्बन्ध में विशेषज्ञों की कोई समिति बनाई गई है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस समिति के सदस्य कौन कौन हैं ?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) The following steps have been taken to make educational broadcasts widely popular amongst students:

- (i) Station Directors have established personal contacts with Heads and teachers of educational institutions;
  - (ii) Students are encouraged to participate in dramas, School magazines, Quiz, discussions, debates, recitations etc; and
  - (iii) Programmes are often arranged at a School or some other place of interest to students and the entire programme is relayed from there.
  - (iv) Sustained efforts are being made to increase the number of school sets.
- (b) Most of the Stations putting out School broadcasts have Consultative Panels consisting of Educational Supervisors and teachers.

(c) A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 37.]

**श्री नवल प्रभाकर :** स्टेटमेंट में और सब केन्द्रों की समितियों का विवरण दिया गया है लेकिन दिल्ली के लिए कोई समिति नहीं बनायी गयी है। क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि दिल्ली आकाशवाणी केन्द्र से प्रसारित कार्यक्रम के निमित्त समिति नहीं बनायी गयी, इसका कारण ?

**डा० केशकर :** बात यह है कि हर जगह से एजुकेशनल कार्यक्रम नहीं हो रहे थे। शुरूआत हो रही है। जहां काफी संख्या में कार्यक्रम हो रहे हैं वहां कमेटियां बनायी गयी हैं। दिल्ली के बारे में क्यों नहीं बनी मैं नहीं बता सकूंगा।

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** The names in the statement are very