

Shri A. C. Guha: In respect of the exports of metallurgical coal to foreign countries, may I know whether the orders from those foreign countries have been specifically for metallurgical coal or for ordinary coal?

Shri K. C. Reddy: I want notice to answer that question, but I can say this. We have decided to export some metallurgical coal to foreign countries with a view to earning foreign exchange. The demand of course is presumably for metallurgical coal.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MACHINE TOOLS

*752. **Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the value of machine tools (i) imported into India from foreign countries; and (ii) manufactured in India in each of the years 1950, 1951 and 1952?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 23.]

TEA AND COFFEE (EXPORT)

*753. **Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the total export of tea and coffee from India in 1949, 1950 and 1951?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 24.]

SHIP BUILDING

*754. **Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** (a) Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state how many ships are proposed to be built in the Hindustan Shipyard in the current year?

(b) Do the Government of India propose to buy any ships from foreign countries, and if so, how many and from what countries?

(c) Do the Government of India propose to open any other ship-building yard?

(d) If so, where and when?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) Three ships whose keels were laid last year will be completed within the course of the next five months and three more ships whose keels are to be laid during this year, will be completed within the next eighteen months or so.

(b) It is not proposed to buy any commercial ships on Government account.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

D. V. PROJECT

*760. **Shri T. N. Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state whether it is proposed to hold an Inter-State Conference to consider the economics of the Damodar Valley Project?

(b) If so, what are the special subjects to be discussed at the Conference?

(c) When is the Conference likely to meet?

The Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes (Shri Nanda): (a) to (c). An Inter-State Conference was held on the 31st May 1952 to consider certain matters relating to Damodar Valley Project. The main items in the agenda were: consideration of Maithon, Panchet Hill and Irrigation and Barrage Projects; basis for the high rates for the Konar contract; cost accounts of land reclamation; funds for 1952-53; betterment levy. A few of the items were discussed and it is proposed to hold another conference in the beginning of July 1952 to discuss the remaining items and take final decisions.

KOSI PROJECT

*761. **Shri T. N. Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes be pleased to state how much has the Kosi project cost up to date and what is the total area served by it?

The Minister of Planning and River Valley Schemes (Shri Nanda): The investigation of the Kosi Project has cost Rs. 74,67,797 upto the year ending 1951-52. The total gross area that will be served by the Project when it is completed will be 32.77 lakh acres.

EUROPEAN PAYMENTS UNION

*762. **Shri M. R. Krishna:** (a) Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether our country is participating in the European Payments Union?

(b) What are the benefits so far achieved from this Union?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) India does not participate directly in the European Payments Union, but by virtue of her association with the Sterling Area, she indirectly benefits