

नागपुर भेजा था और मध्य प्रदेश को सरकार ने कोई राय नहीं दी ?

Shri Nanda: Sir, the question of the distribution of the cost of investigation between the two Governments and the time of payment etc. has been considered several times and the latest proposals of the Central Government have not yet been finally agreed to by the Madhya Pradesh Government and the talks are still in progress.

श्री बांगड़े : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि जोंक नदी घाटी की मौक़े पर जांच करने के लिये वहाँ के सब डिबीज़िनल इंजीनियर के सिवाय मध्य प्रदेश गवर्नमेंट और केन्द्रीय सरकार के कोई ऊँचे कर्मचारी जांच करने के लिये नहीं गये थे ?

Shri Nanda: Sir, several visits have been paid and the position regarding that project is that some unforeseen difficulties were faced and on that account the investigation period had to be extended as has been stated in the answer and now it is likely that by October it will be done.

श्री बांगड़े : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि मध्य प्रदेश में कितनी नदी घाटियों का भूमापन काम बन्द कर दिया गया है ?

Shri Nanda: Sir, investigations by the Central Government have been in progress not only in this project but some other river projects also. But in this project the progress has been made to the extent that in a few months the project investigations will be completed.

स्वामी रामानन्द शास्त्री : इस का उत्तर हिन्दी में दिया जाय ।

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

श्री बांगड़े : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि मध्य प्रदेश में कितनी नदी घाटियों का भूमापन काम बन्द कर दिया गया है उस भूमापन काम में अब तक कितना व्यय हुआ है !

Shri Nanda: Sir, so far as the State Government is concerned, it is true

that they undertook some investigations and they have not carried them forward but I haven't got details of their expenditure.

COAL WASHERIES

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

(a) how many coal washeries have been erected and how many are under construction in India; and

(b) what quantity of inferior coal is being washed at present and thereby what quantity of good coking coal is being saved?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) One coal washery has been completed and is in operation. A second one is under construction.

(b) About 20,000 tons a month. The saving in good quality coking coal is estimated at about 16,000 tons a month.

Shri Barman: Have the Government fixed any target as regards the number and capacity of washeries that are going to be installed in the near future?

Shri K. C. Reddy: I am afraid I want notice to answer that.

Shri Barman: May I ask another question? In view of what is stated at page 40 of the Report of the Committee on Conservation of Metallurgical Coal that "washing of all coking coals to an ash content of 15 per cent. maximum should be enforced by legislative measures at the earliest possible date" have the Government given any consideration to that recommendation?

Shri K. C. Reddy: Action is being taken by the Government, Sir, with regard to all the recommendations made in the Report of the Committee on Conservation of Metallurgical Coal, one by one and with regard to this washing of coal also, with a view to conserve our reserves of metallurgical coal, all possible steps are being taken. I am not in a position to say now exactly as to what steps Government have taken so far.

METALLURGICAL COAL

***897. Shri Barman:** (a) Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state the present reserve of metallurgical coal of different grades in India?

(b) What quantity of metallurgical coal was used in Railways and by other concerns in 1951 and what quantity was exported in that year?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) A statement giving