

Project have been let out to contractors. If so, the reply is in the affirmative.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) No rate has been fixed for carrying a basketful of soil or for digging the soil of the dam and Government are not aware of the rate paid by private contractors to labourers.

(d) Does not arise.

श्री जांगड़े : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि सरकार ने या ठेकेदारों ने मजदूरों के भोजन, पानी, सफाई या उन के राशन के लिये कोई इन्तजाम नहीं किया जिस के कारण सन् १९५० में मजदूरों में हैजा फैल गया था ?

Shri Nanda: Sir, it does not arise out of this question.

श्री जांगड़े : क्या मैं यह जान सकता हूँ कि ऐसे कौन कौन से कार्य हैं जिन के लिये सरकार ठेकेदारों को ठेका देती है ?

Mr. Speaker: It is too wide and general a question.

Shri Damodara Menon: May I know whether any fair-wage clause is inserted in this private contract?

Shri Nanda: There is a minimum wage legislation which it is for the States to apply. Some States have done it, and I believe that it has been applied to Hirakud also.

Mr. Speaker: The question is whether in this contract there is a clause to that effect.

Shri Nanda: No, Sir, as far as my information goes there is none.

श्री जांगड़े : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि उड़ीसा के लोगों को भी ठेका दिया गया है ?

Shri Nanda: Yes, Sir. To a large number.

श्री जांगड़े : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि क्या सरकार ठेकेदारों को ठेका देने के बजाय इन कार्योंको खुद अपने हाथ में ले लेगी ?

Shri Nanda: Some works are done departmentally too.

Shri Raghavaiah: May I know the margin of profit allowed to contractors in such contracts?

Shri Nanda: It varies. Tenders are invited and then contracts given—some contractors may manage to make more profit than others.

श्री जांगड़े : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि ठेकेदारों ने सरकारी नौकरों से मिलकर मजदूरों को मशीनरी और औजारों के अत्याधिक मूल्य बतला कर लाखों रुपये कमाये और सरकार का रुपया बरबाद किया है ?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava: I wish to know if the Government have come by any complaints on behalf of the labourers that the private contractors are not treating them fairly.

Shri Nanda: This morning I ascertained from the Chief Engineer that some complaints were received. Though, according to him, he has no legal power to intervene he has been trying to bring moral pressure in that respect and he has given instructions to that effect to his subordinates.

COAL

*1196. Shri A. C. Guha: Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the total tonnage of coal raised from different collieries in the year 1951 and the total tonnage removed by railways from the coal mine sites; and

(b) the estimated total tonnage of coal likely to be raised this year and the tonnage likely to be removed by the wagons provided this year?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) The total tonnage of coal raised during 1951 and the tonnage removed from the collieries by rail were as follows:—

Raisings—34,307,563 tons.

Despatches—28,126,941 tons.

(b) The estimated raisings and despatches during 1952 are as follows:—

Raisings—35/36 million tons (approx.).

Despatches—30 million tons (approx.).

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know the reason why last year about six million

tons of coal were not removed from the colliery sites?

Shri K. C. Reddy: As the hon. Member may be aware nearly ten per cent. of the colliery production in each colliery is consumed for the colliery purposes itself. As regards the balance, it is accounted for by the bottleneck in transport, that is, insufficiency of wagons available.

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know if the hon. Minister's attention has been drawn to a statement issued by the Chief Colliery Inspector that for the last three or four weeks there has been a shortage of wagons for removing coal from the colliery sites?

Shri K. C. Reddy: Government is aware that there is a shortage of wagons for the despatch of coal.

Shri A. C. Guha: Is it true that some of the Calcutta industries are going to stop work due to shortage of coal?

Shri K. C. Reddy: I am not aware. Presumably production has slackened in some of the collieries because of this.

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know what steps Government have taken for the supply of a sufficient number of wagons for the removal of coal?

Shri K. C. Reddy: Government, Sir, are taking all possible steps. In fact, they have placed an indent for a number of wagons which Government hope to receive early.

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know if the Government have received any complaint from West Bengal industries or West Bengal Government about the shortage of coal?

Shri K. C. Reddy: There have been general complaints from several quarters including West Bengal.

Shri Raghavaiah: May I know whether Government are aware of the constant complaints made by the tobacco curers association from Guntur District regarding the supply of wagons?

Shri K. C. Reddy: As I have already stated, there have been some general complaints from various industries from all over India.

CLOTH EXPORTS TO BRITISH COLONIES

*1197. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state the yardage of cotton cloth which India exported to the British colonies during the year 1951-52?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): 125·97 million yards.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know the varieties of cloth which are exported to these colonies?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I have not got the information, Sir.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know the yardage of cloth which has been exported to the colonies this year?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: The information asked for in the question and the answer given by me relates to 1951-52.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: For 1952-53?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Well, how could I say what it will be in 1952-53?

Shri B. S. Murthy: What are the particular British colonies to which this cloth has been exported?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: Aden, British East Africa, British West Africa, British Guiana, British Borneo, British West Indies, Gibraltar and Malaya.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know the total value of the cloth exported to these colonies in 1951-52?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I have not got the information, Sir.

Shri Pataskar: How much of it was coarse or medium cloth?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: I have here a split-up of the total amount of coarse, medium, fine and superfine cloth that has gone out of the country but not with reference to particular destinations.

Shri Sivamurthi Swami: May I know whether any handloom cloth was exported and, if so, how much?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: As I said, I have no categorywise figures according to destinations.

ALLOTMENT OF GARDEN AREAS

*1198. **Shri Vidyalankar:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) the total garden area left by the displaced persons in West Pakistan, and the total of similar area left by Muslim evacuees in India;

(b) out of the garden area left by Muslim evacuees in India, the total area allotted to displaced persons who owned gardens in West Pakistan, the