

**Shri Anil K. Chanda:** It is our solemn obligation to take all steps to ensure the security of our nationals abroad.

#### COAL (EXPORTS)

\*1023 **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of coal so far exported from this country during the current financial year;

(b) the total value of these coal exports; and

(c) the countries to which it has been exported?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) and (c). A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 10.]

(b) Rs. 8,80,00,000. (approximate).

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know, Sir, the export price of this coal?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** At the control price fixed by the Government of India plus other and incidental charges.

**Shri Raghavaiah:** Are all the demands of the industrial concerns and the tobacco growing peasants who require them met before the coal is exported?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** Certainly all the local requirements are met before any coal is exported outside.

**Shri Sanganna:** What percentage does Orissa coal bears to the total quantity of coal exported outside India?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** I am sorry, I cannot say straightway now.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** Is it a fact that the tobacco growers of the South have several times complained? What steps have been taken in order to supply them the coal required?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** Every possible effort is being made to meet the demands of the tobacco growers. Out of the quantity allotted to them, the major part of it—nearly 84 per cent. of the coal required—can be supplied from the Singaranni Collieries which are near by.

**Shri K. Subrahmanyam:** Are we importing any coal from abroad?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** No.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** It is mentioned in the statement that 2,55,000 tons of coal have been sent to South East Asia. It is also mentioned that it has been sent to Japan, Ceylon, Burma and other countries like Indonesia etc. What does 'South East Asia' indicate?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** Some other countries like Hong Kong, Singapore etc.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know, Sir, whether it is the policy of the Government to export coal to belligerent countries?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** That question has already been answered on the floor of the House.

**Shri Dhusiya:** Do we get the same price for exported coal as other countries or is it different? If so, which is the highest and lowest price?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** The prices are not really comparative. As I said already, the price is the control price fixed by the Government of India plus freight, other and incidental charges. These will vary.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know, Sir, whether 'South East Asia' includes Korea also? Is coal exported to Korea?

**Shri K. C. Reddy:** If the hon. member will look into the statement I have placed on the Table of the House, he will have the answer.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** It is North-East Asia.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** I mean North Korea.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** That is further north.

#### BLAST FURNACE AT SAMBALPUR

\*1024 **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Aetna Japan Company of Japan was carrying on negotiation with the Government of India for erecting a blast furnace at Sambalpur, Orissa and if so, with what result?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** Negotiations are being conducted amongst others with the Aetna Engineering Company of Japan for the establishment of an Iron and Steel Plant in India. The question of the location of this Plant has not yet been decided. Negotiations are still in progress.