

Shri Gidwani: May I know whether Government also has any programme to provide residential accommodation to the staff working in those post offices?

Shri Raj Bahadur: There are rules on that point. In certain cases the sub-post master or the post-master concerned is provided with accommodation.

Mines Inspection

*1615. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 111 on the 29th July, 1955 and state:

(a) the reasons for the low percentage of inspections carried out by the Inspectors of Mines during the second and third shifts in 1954.

(b) whether Government propose to instruct the Chief Inspector of Mines to increase the rate of inspections during these shifts; and

(c) whether it is an act that the rate of fatal accidents is more in the second and third shifts than in the first?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Inadequacy of Inspection staff.

(b) It has already been decided to increase the number of inspections in all the shifts and necessary additional staff is being recruited.

(c) No.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: The court of inquiry that enquired into the Parasia mine disaster made recommendation that a high-power commission be appointed on the lines of the Royal Commission which went into the safety of the coal mines in the United Kingdom. May I know what decision has been arrived at on this?

Shri Abid Ali: The matter is under our consideration.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know whether, ever since these disasters took place, the inspection staff has been augmented? If so, by how many?

Shri Abid Ali: The exact number I will not be able to give, but the number of the staff has been increased.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know what percentage of the collieries still remain uninspected during the last year?

Shri Abid Ali: Some were not inspected, but we hope that all the collieries will be inspected in future not only once, but more than once every year.

Shri P. C. Bose: May I know whether the number of inspectors has been increased after all the mines in the former

States were brought under the control of the Central Government, and if so, how many have been appointed, and how many are required to be appointed?

Shri Abid Ali: I have already stated that it will not be possible for me to give the exact number, but the number of the inspectors has gone up.

Shri Nanadas: In view of the fact that we have got very inadequate inspecting staff, may I know whether the Government have instructed the staff to live in the mining areas instead of in big cities and towns?

Shri Abid Ali: The inspectors live nearest to the mines area as far as possible. The number of the inspections in 1954 itself was 6,420. Therefore, it cannot be said that the number of inspection was very small.

आइपोमिया कनियां

*१४२०. **श्री बेचगम :** क्या खाद्य और कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि "आइपोमिया कनियां" के पीछे हरी खाद और कम्पोस्ट के लिये उपयुक्त है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि भेड़, बकरी, भैंस आदि जैसे घरेलू पशु उसे नहीं खाते हैं ;

(ग) क्या इस बात की जांच की गई है कि ये पीछे इन घरेलू पशुओं के लिये हानिकारक है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो क्या सरकार उन पशुओं पर इन पीछों के प्रभाव की जांच करने का विचार करती है ?

खाद्य और कृषि मंत्री (श्री ए० पी० जैन) : (क) जी हां ।

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(घ) इन पीछों से पशुओं को हानि पहुंचाने की कोई शिकायत नहीं मिली है और इस बारे में कोई भी जांच करने का ख्याल नहीं है ।