

श्री भक्त वरुण : क्या यह सत्य है कि इस समय तक जिन जिन स्थानों का पता लगाया गया है और इस कमेटी को जो कार्यभार दिया गया है उस में हिमालय का कोई उल्लेख नहीं है और क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय के ध्यान में यह बात आई है कि हिमालय की ऊंची चोटियों पर इस प्रकार की प्रभावशाली हवा चलती है जिस के कारण बिजली अच्छी मात्रा में पैदा की जा सकती है ?

डा० के० एल० श्रीमाली : सारे देश में अब किया जा रहा है। राजस्थान में एक anemometer station स्थापित किया है। सौराष्ट्र, बेलगांव, और कोयम्बटूर में स्थापित किये जाने की घोषणा है और घेरे घेरे सारे देश का सर्वे किया जायेगा।

Coal Deposits

*1944. **Shri Bishwa Nath Roy :** Will the Minister of Natural Resources and Scientific Research be pleased to state whether the Geological Survey of India has been successful in discovering new deposits of coal near Karanpuri and Ramgarh in Bihar ?

The Deputy Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall) : A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix X, annexure No. 16].

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy : May I know whether any steps have been taken for exploiting the deposits at these places ?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall : No steps have been taken. The survey has been carried and further steps will be taken after the survey reports have been fully considered.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy : May I know whether Government have any idea about the quantity in tons of coal deposits at these places ?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall : The revised estimates of reserves are very much larger than the previous estimates. With regard to Ramgarh coalfield, they are of the order of 1,334 million tons, which are likely to be available within a depth of 1,000 ft. The quarriable reserves upto a depth thrice the thickness of the seams have now been estimated at 78 million tons.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao : May I know whether the Karanpura coalfield will be worked by private enterprise or by the public sector ?

Dr. K. L. Shrimall : That matter has still to be decided.

Reserve Bank Of India

*1946. **Shri N. S. Das :** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Advisory Council to advise the Reserve Bank of India as recommended by the Committee of Direction in their Report in para 17 of Chapter 33 has been constituted ; and

(b) if so, its constitution and precise functions ?

The Minister of Revenue and Defence Expenditure (Shri A. C. Guha) : (a) Not yet, Sir. This question will be taken up only after the National Co-operative Development Board has been set up and both the Board and the Reserve Bank of India have been able to initiate the implementation of the various recommendations of the Rural Credit Survey and some experience is gained in the working of the system.

(b) Does not arise yet.

Shri S. N. Das : May I know whether the existing Standing Advisory Committee on Agricultural Credit has in any way been strengthened, and if so, in what manner ?

Shri A. C. Guha : I think I should make it clear that there is already a Standing Advisory Committee, and in addition to that, the Rural Credit Survey has suggested an Advisory Council. The present Advisory Committee will have its last meeting very soon and then the question of reconstituting the Advisory Committee will be taken up. But apart from the Advisory Committee, this Advisory Council will be a separate body and it will give advice both to the Reserve Bank and the Food and Agriculture Ministry and also to the National Co-operative Development and Warehousing Board. This will be a much bigger body and it will be constituted only after the Warehousing Board has been started and some experience is gained about the working of the Board.

Shri S. N. Das : May I know whether any organisation has been set up to see that the recommendations of the Rural Credit Survey are implemented by the State Governments, Central Government and the Reserve Bank of India, and if so, what is the organisation that is going to do it. ?