

ercise duty in case early crushing was possible. They now tell us that it is not practicable and, therefore, the question does not arise.

Pandit S. C. Mishra: Did Government also give individual consideration to areas which need help, and may I know why a general decision has been taken while certain areas which have to send their sugarcane to very distant factories are actually suffering?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: We depend on the recommendations of the State Governments and if they recommend any particular area or particular factory, we will consider.

Newton Chickli Colliery Disaster

*223. **Shri Kamath:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 2223 on the 27th September, 1955 and state:

(a) whether proceedings have been instituted against the Manager, Newton Chickli Colliery (Madhya Pradesh); and

(b) if so, what stage they have reached?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) and (b). The proceedings are likely to be instituted very shortly after certain essential preliminaries are completed.

Shri Kamath: For how many days after this disastrous accident did this colliery remain closed?

Shri Abid Ali: It was not possible to work the colliery when the water was there. Several months were needed to take out the water. Thereafter, some other technical requirements were to be complied with. It took several months.

Shri Kamath: What measures have been enforced or are being enforced by Government to ensure safety of workers in mines in pursuance of the findings and recommendations of the Court of Enquiry which investigated into this disaster?

Shri Abid Ali: Government have accepted almost all the recommendations of this Committee and necessary regulations will be promulgated in due course.

Shri Kamath: Has any machinery been set up to enforce the recommendations?

Shri Abid Ali: This is being examined by the Chief Mining Inspector of the Government of India.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: One of the recommendations of the Court of Enquiry which enquired into this disaster was the appointment of a high-power commission

to go into the question of safety in coal-mines. May I know when that committee or commission will be appointed, since the hon. Minister has said that almost all the recommendations have been accepted?

Shri Abid Ali: That also will be done in due course.

Adrema Machines

*224. **Sardar Hukum Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electrically operated Adrema Machines for the printing of tag labels have been received and installed for service; and

(b) if so, whether they are giving satisfactory service?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes; the Adrema Machines have been received by the Senior Superintendents R.M.S. at Bombay, Calcutta and Madras.

(b) Yes.

Sardar Hukum Singh: May I know the cost and capacity of each machine?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Cost is about Rs. 5,400. The capacity, if electrically driven, is between 1,500 and 2,000 labels per hour. But we have not yet got some small parts known as card-filling attachment. Without that, when hand-driven, the capacity would come to 1,200 labels an hour.

Sardar Hukum Singh: May I know the number of workers that each machine will be able to replace?

Shri Raj Bahadur: That will be too early for me to say, because the machine has to be tried a good lot.

Sardar Hukum Singh: May I know whether each machine will be able to cater to the needs of each station where it is being installed, or, whether the capacity could be extended to other centres?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The machine has been introduced for that purpose. It will write up the destinations, write up on tag labels, cheque slips, and address envelopes. By hand-writing, it takes a long time and the hand-writing may be poor. It is for expedition that it has been introduced and it gives efficiency as well as neatness to the work.

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*२२५. श्री श्री नारायण दास : क्या परिषद्‌मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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