

the jungle. That is in keeping with all the casualties that we have suffered.

Shri Hem Barua: As the Naga hostiles have a particular *modus operandi* may I know whether the Government have tried to discover or find out this *modus operandi* and face the situation?

Mr. Speaker: How else will they do? What is the meaning of this question? The Government will certainly try to do that. Next question.

Pipe Factory at Chavara (Kerala)

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*466. { **Shri Nagi Reddy:**
 { **Shri Ramam:**
 { **Shri V. P. Nayar:**

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pipe factory at Chavara handed over to the Kerala State Government by the Norwegian Project Administration has been recommissioned;

(b) what were the arrangements made for payment of wages to the workers during the period of closure;

(c) whether there are any plans to enlarge the production of the factory?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): (a) No.

(b) It was decided to retrench all the staff and the workmen of the factory except a skeleton staff to attend to the upkeep of the machinery and buildings of the factory: and to pay the retrenched staff their retrenchment benefits according to rules.

(c) The question of enlarging the production of the factory can be considered only after the factory restarts its work.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know the date on which the factory was closed?

Shri G. B. Pant: The factory was closed, I think, sometime in the month of September.

Shri V. P. Nayar: What was the number of labourers regularly employed in that factory subsequent to this closure?

Shri G. B. Pant: The number of workmen there is not known to me. But that was a temporary factory consisting of temporary establishment under the Indo-Norwegian project for manufacturing premo pipes of a special type for special purpose and when that was achieved the factory had no specific work to do and the raw material also was not available. Ultimately in a conference which was attended by the officers of the Public Health Engineering Department of the factory, the President of the Factory Workers' Union and the President of the AITUC, it was decided that in view of the indefinite closure of the factory all the staff and workmen of the factory except a skeleton staff to attend to the upkeep of machinery and buildings of the factory should be retrenched, and that the staff and workmen so retrenched should be paid their retrenchment benefit. This decision was taken in consultation with the representatives of the AITUC and Public Health Engineering Department.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Is it a fact that this factory was specially set up for the purpose of supplying the requirements of pipes for the water-supply scheme to benefit the entire coastal tract of Quilon district; if so, may I know whether it is not a fact that the work is now held up for want of this material?

Shri G. B. Pant: I understand that 5,400 premo units of 28" diameter have been manufactured, and at present perhaps that is the number that is needed.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Is the hon. Minister aware that this factory was only making water mains and it was not making any other pipes required for the scheme with the result that the scheme cannot be pushed through now?

Shri G. B. Pant: If more pipes are needed and they are not available, of course, the work will be held up. But the arrangement was reached in consultation with the representatives of the AITUC and the Public Health Engineering Department. I assume that they have taken every aspect into consideration.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether the Government has enquired into the possibility of developing the factory to supply the pipe requirements of various other schemes not merely in the State of Kerala but other States, because this pipe is something new in the field of water-supply?

Shri G. B. Pant: Government would like to restart the factory whenever there is demand for such pipes and the raw material is available.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Transportation of Oil

*445. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether alternative practical methods of transporting crude oil, refined oil or motor spirit from the place of production or importing port to suitable destination have been studied with a view to find out the economics of cost involved in different methods;

(b) if so, the results of such a study;

(c) whether any team of experts had proceeded to foreign countries for such study;

(d) whether the team has submitted any report; and

(e) if so, the important features of such report?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Alternative practical methods of transportation, namely, by river, by rail and by pipeline have been studied only in respect of crude oil from Nahorkatiya oil-fields to the proposed Refineries at

Gauhati and Barauni. Regarding transport of refined products, a detailed comparative study has yet to be undertaken.

(b) The results of the study with regard to Nahorkatiya crude indicate that transport by pipeline is the most suitable, reliable and economical.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

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*४५०. श्री कुसुमवन्त राय : क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय में इतिहास के अध्यापक श्री कुम्रांग चाऊ शियांग ने दिल्ली में 'माडर्न हिस्ट्री आफ चाइना' नामक एक पुस्तक प्रकाशित की है; और

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस पुस्तक में जो नक्शे दिये गये हैं; वे वैसे ही हैं जैसे कि चीन व रूस में प्रकाशित हुए हैं?

गृह-कार्य मंत्री (श्री गो० बा० पन्त) :

(क) श्री चाऊ शियांग कुम्रांग दिल्ली में प्रकाशित 'माडर्न हिस्ट्री आफ चाइना' नामक पुस्तक के लेखक हैं। वे दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय में १९५१ से १९५४ तक हिन्दी अध्यापन के अस्थायी अंशकालिक (Part-time) लेक्चरर थे।

(ख) किताब के शीर्षक पृष्ठ और उसके अन्दर लगाये गये नक्शे कुछ उन्हीं नक्शों की प्रतियां हैं जो चीन में १९५४ से प्रकाशित हुये हैं। इनमें और रूस के नक्शों में कुछ फरक है।

Cost of Production of Coal

*461. { **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:**
Shri Tangamani:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 263 on the 10th August, 1959 and state: