

कता नहीं रह गई है जबकि पुराने आयाज-पत्रों की मान्यता की प्रवृत्ति बढ़ाने की अनु-प्रति प्राप्त करना आवश्यक नहीं है। बिड़ला जूट मैन्यूफैक्चरिंग कम्पनी लि० द्वारा कोई प्रगति की सूचना नहीं दी गई है।

बीना स्टेशन पर दुर्घटना

3495. श्री बाबूलाल जी :
श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी :
श्री हुकुम चन्द कछवाल :
श्री राम सिंह अय्यरवाल :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या 31 मई, 1967 के 'नवभारत टाइम्स' में छपी यह खबर सही है कि मध्य रेलवे में बीना स्टेशन पर एक रेल दुर्घटना हो गई थी जिसके परिणाम-स्वरूप एक व्यक्ति मारा गया और दो घायल हो गये;

(ख) यदि हां, तो दुर्घटना के क्या कारण थे;

(ग) इस दुर्घटना के परिणामस्वरूप जान बवाल की कितनी हानि हुई; और

(घ) इस बारे में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री से० सु० पुनावा) :
(क) और (ग). सम्भवतः आशय इस दुर्घटना से है जिसमें 29-5-1967 को मध्य रेलवे के बीना-कटनी खण्ड के सुमरेरो स्टेशन पर अप सेक्शनल प्रौर ट्रॉल्लिपमेंट एक्सप्रेस मालगाड़ी बालू हम्म माइडिंग में घुसने के बाद पटरी से उतर गयी थी। इस दुर्घटना में गाड़ी का ब्राइवर मारा गया और गाड़ी के दो फायरवॉर्न और गार्ड

को हल्की चोटें लगीं। रेल सम्पत्ति को लगभग 1,81,150 रुपये के नुकसान का अनुमान है।

(ख) दुर्घटना के कारण की जांच की जा रही है।

(घ) दुर्घटना का कारण निश्चित हो जाने के बाद उपयुक्त कार्यवाही की जायेगी।

Public Sector Coal Mines

3496. श्री Kameshwar Singh:
श्री A. Sreedharan:
श्री K. M. Madhukar:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to modernise the coal mines in the public sector during 1966-67; and

(b) the amount of foreign exchange, if any, used for the purpose?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Metals (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export to Coking Coal to Japan

3497. श्री Inderjit Malhotra: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to export about 0.25 million tonnes of coking coal to Japan;

(b) the stage at which the negotiations with the prospective importers of that country stand at present;

(c) whether the Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation alone is authorised to export coking coal or private producers also are allowed to explore possibilities to export coking coal; and

(d) the incentives/facilities being offered for encouraging export of coking coal?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Binesh Singh): (a) The feasibility of exporting 0.25 million tonnes of Coking Coal to Japan is still under consideration.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Restriction on Movement of Coal

3498. Shri G. C. Dixit: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request for the removal of restriction on the movement of coal from Madhya Pradesh coal fields North of Jhansi has been received; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) Yes.

(b) The request could not be agreed to, as the rational and planned source for coal supplies to destinations north of Katni-Bina-Kotah section is the Bengal/Bihar coalfield.

Any ad hoc movement against the rationalisation scheme in force would upset the existing pattern of movement for which capacities have already been developed. This would thus result in wastage of line capacities and also lead to avoidable cross movements of coal on difficult routes.

The Sub-Committee set up under the Coal Development Council's Committee on Transport, Distribution and Control has already constituted a sub-committee to examine the present restrictions in force for coal movements. Their recommendations are awaited.

Katni-Singrauli-Chopan Railway Line

3499. Shri G. C. Dixit: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) when the Katni-Singrauli-Chopan railway line is likely to be completed and opened for traffic; and

(b) when the section between Chopan and Singrauli coal fields is likely to be completed and opened for traffic?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) and (b). Probably the hon. Member is referring to the rail link from Katni to Obra via Singrauli. The Obra-Singrauli section is scheduled for completion by 1st October, 1968, while the target date for completion of Singrauli-Katni portion is 31st March, 1970.

Industrial Units in Andhra Pradesh

3500. Shri Esvara Reddy: Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the chronic famine and drought conditions prevalent in Anantapur, Kurnool, Chittoor and Cudappah districts of Andhra Pradesh, Government propose to start some industrial units in these areas to relieve unemployment and distress of the people; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Price of Cloth

3502. Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Rabi Ray:
Shri Kameshwar Singh:
Shri S. M. Joshi:
Shri Sequeira:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different prices are fixed for the cloth of controlled variety produced by different Mills although the count and quality of yarn are the same;

(b) whether it is a fact that the controlled prices of the same quality