

**Shri Tangaman:** In the statement I find that the fire broke out at 18.05 hours in a heap of scrap wood lying between lines Nos. 6 and 7 in the Stores. When this fire broke out, may I know what steps were taken to prevent the spread of this fire because I find that the loss amounted to about three lakhs of rupees because the fire was allowed to spread. What preventive steps were taken immediately?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** Generally, in all the workshops there are fire-fighting units. Then, there was the civil fire brigade and the military fire brigade. All these were summoned. But since the wood lying there was rather dry and it was the month of May, it was very inflammable. But all these aids were summoned and they controlled the fire as fast as they could.

**सेठ बचल सिंह :** रेलवे स्टोर्स में ज्यादातर इस्पात तथा लोहे का ही सामान होता है। क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि वहाँ ऐसी कौन सी चीज थी जिस की वजह से आग लग गई और इतना नुकसान हुआ ?

**श्री ब्राह्मनबाब झा :** रेलवे के कारखानों में लोहे और लकड़ी का भी काम होता है।

**Electric Power Station Experts'  
Delegation to Yugoslavia**

\*49. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh:**  
**Shri Ram Krishna:**

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether delegation of Electric Power Station Experts has visited Yugoslavia;

(b) the names of the members of this delegation; and

(c) the main purpose of their visit?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim):**  
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1. **Shri K. L. Vij,**  
Director, Central Water and Power Commission, (Power Wing), New Delhi.

2. **Shri M. W. Goklany,**  
Superintending Engineer,  
Damodar Valley Corporation,  
Calcutta.

3. **Shri K. S. Subrahmanyam,**  
Executive Engineer,  
Superintendent, Hydro-electric  
Department, Mysore.

(c) The main purpose of the visit of the delegation was to assess the intrinsic value of generating plant and electrical equipment manufactured by the various firms in Yugoslavia, Hungary, Rumania and Austria.

**Sardar Iqbal Singh:** May I know whether this Delegation has submitted any report?

**Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim:** Yes, they have.

**C.D. Projects and N.E.S.**

\*51. **Shri H. N. Mankerjee:** Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) how far agricultural production has been made the primary objective of the Community Development Projects and of the National Extension Service; and

(b) to what extent, and with what results Panchayats have been associated so far with the work of agricultural production?

**The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey):** (a) Agricultural production has been given the topmost priority under the Community Development Programme.

(b) Some Panchayats have helped in the execution of minor irrigation works or in the distribution of seeds and fertilizers. Panchayats are also being associated to an increasing extent in the preparation of village plans of agricultural production. The association of Panchayats has been useful to the programme.