

Coal transported by rail is reserved exclusively for distribution amongst domestic consumers.

The increase has been allowed due to increase in railway freight, Surcharge, LDCC charges, handling charges at railway siding and commission to the retailers.

Training to Arab States' Mirage Pilots by Pakistan

1336. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the report in the newspapers about the story published in the French 'Newspaper L' *Aurore* about the request made by France to Pakistan to train Mirage pilots from Arab States in handling Mirage aircraft;

(b) whether a French-delegation paid a visit to Pakistan recently to negotiate a deal with that country;

(c) whether this will not increase the air potential of Pakistan through expansion of training facilities in that country; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government to this development?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A French delegation is understood to have visited Pakistan.

(c) Such a result is not unlikely.

(d) The impact of such deals is taken into account in planning our defence preparedness.

Shortfall in production of Aluminium

1337. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a substantial shortfall in achieving the target for aluminium production;

(b) if so, how much; and

(c) the steps proposed to increase production of aluminium in the year 1974?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. As against the initial estimate of 200,000 tonnes of aluminium production during 1973-74, it is expected that production during 1973-74 would be about 150,000 tonnes

The production has been adversely affected in the current year on account of heavy power cuts imposed on the aluminium industry by different State Electricity Boards.

The possibility of increasing the quantum of power supply to enable fuller utilisation of installed capacity in the aluminium industry is under consideration of Government.

Discussion with Prime Minister of New Zealand

1338. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the New Zealand Prime Minister had discussions with the Indian Prime Minister and other Ministers and officials on problems of mutual interest;

(b) whether any agreements were reached in regard to economic cooperation;

(c) whether any attempt was made to achieve approximation with that country in regard to the views on major international questions affecting the Indian Ocean and Pacific area, in general, and India and New Zealand in particular; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Prime Ministers of India and New Zealand saw scope for substantial increase in trade to the benefit of both countries. The two Prime Ministers agreed on the desirability of an exchange of trade and economic missions. They noted that cooperation between the Export Import Corporation of New Zealand and similar organisations in India could be of value in helping to stimulate trade between the two countries. It was also agreed that the possibility of a joint venture between India and New Zealand in paper manufacture should be further investigated.

(c) and (d). Both the Prime Ministers reaffirmed their support for the concept of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace, free from Great Power rivalry, tensions and military escalation. The talks also reflected a close similarity of views on a number of subjects such as close cooperation among all countries of Asia; the achievement of a just and durable peace in the Middle East in accordance with the provisions of the Security Council Resolution No. 242; opposition to nuclear weapon tests and abhorrence of policies of racial discrimination.

Legislation to curtail the Noise

1339. SHRI M. C. DAGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether noise is the great enemy of health; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to bring any legislation whereby the noise could be curtailed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KUSKU): (a) Noise is a health hazard.

(b) There is no proposal at present to bring legislation in this respect.

चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना के अस्तगत परिवार नियोजन पर व्यय

1340. श्री मूल चन्द्र डागा : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान परिवार नियोजन पर कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गई और उसमें से कितना व्यय प्रशासन पर हुआ ;

(ख) क्या योजना में निर्धारित तत्सम्बन्धी लक्ष्य पूरे नहीं किये जा सके ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) क्या सरकार का विचार जनसंख्या में वृद्धि को रोकने के लिए कोई नये ठोस एवं सक्रिय उपाय करने का है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री कांदाजी बागपा): (क) चौथी योजना में परिवार नियोजन कार्यक्रम पर अनुमानतः लगभग 280.03 करोड़ रुपये खर्च होने की संभावना है। इसमें से विभिन्न स्तरों पर निम्नलिखित राशि के खर्च होने का अनुमान है :—

करोड़ रुपये

(1) केन्द्रीय स्तर 1.51

(2) राज्य मुख्यालय जिसमें राज्य परिवार नियोजन कार्यालय भी शामिल हैं। 3.94

(3) जिला परिवार नियोजन कार्यालय 20.73

(ख) चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना में परिवार नियोजन के ठरीके अपनाने वालों का कुल