

Committee on Transport Policy and Coordination

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*312. { Shri Warrior:
Shri Eswara Reddy:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Maheswar Naik:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee on Transport Policy and Coordination (Neogy Committee) has submitted its report; and

(b) if not, the reasons for delay?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment and for Planning (Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman): (a) No; Sir.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1984/63].

Shri Warrior: How many States have implemented the recommendation contained in the preliminary report of this Committee as far as the establishment of corporations for co-ordination between the railway system and the road transport system is concerned?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: It is all-embracing. As many as 188 papers have so far been prepared and circulated among Members of Parliament. 30 select papers have been placed in the Parliament Library.

Mr. Speaker: His question is as to how many States have established those corporations that are envisaged under this.

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: Very few States have accepted that.

Shri Warrior: May I know whether Government is pursuing the same policy and plan to establish joint corporations between the railways and the road transport public undertakings?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: The States have got their own reasons for having and for not having corporations. For example, in Bombay there is a corporation for transport

but in many other States we do not have them.

Shri Namblar: May I know the reason why this report has been so much delayed and whether the Government has asked for the early submission of the report.

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: This involves not merely road transport but also canal transport, coastal shipping, inland transport, air transport and all that—transport from all points of view. That is why I referred to various papers which have been circulated and various data collected. I may also inform the House that we had the benefit of Mr. Bonavia who is an expert in England. He had come here some time ago and he is again coming sometime in December for the purpose of advising us.

Shri Tyagi: May I know when this Committee was appointed and was it entrusted with the work of organising transport or advising on transport?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: In the reply given by me on the 26th August, 1963, I have given all the details. The preliminary report was submitted by them.

Shri Tyagi: When was it appointed?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: In 1959.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I would like to know whether it is a fact that when this Committee is considering the transport policy and coordination, a separate team has been appointed with a representative of the World Bank and a representative of the Chamber of Commerce to consider the entire transport system of the country. I want to know whether it is a fact and whether this has been done without consultation with the Planning Commission and, if so, the reasons for the same.

The Minister of Planning (Shri B. R. Bhagat): That is a different committee mainly concerned with the transportation of coal and matters arising therefrom or incidental thereto. The Planning Commission was consulted and gave its approval to the terms of

reference of the committee. The personnel of the committee was determined between the Ministry of Finance and the World Bank in joint consultation.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: The hon. Minister has stated that this Committee was appointed as long back as in 1959. May I know why this Committee has taken so much time in completing the work and may I also know whether the research section which has been opened recently...

Mr. Speaker: She should not mix up many questions. Only the first part may be answered, but that too has been answered.

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: I was myself a member of the Road Transport Reorganisation Committee. There are already reports before the Government, so far as road transport is concerned. But this is an all-embracing committee which deals not only with road transport but also with inland water transport, coastal transport and all that, and they have been dealing with so many aspects of transport and so many papers have been prepared.

Shri Tyagi rose—

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Tyagi had his chance.

Shri Tyagi: I wanted to know if, in the meantime, the work is at a standstill, or despite their report having not been submitted, you are proceeding with all your plans.

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: It is no doubt that it has taken four years' time.

Shri Thirumala Rao: May I know if it is a fact that there is a serious difference of opinion between Mr. Neogy, its Chairman and others and the Planning Commission and, therefore, the Committee's work is in a state of suspended animation?

Shri B. R. Bhagat: That is not correct.

Dr. M. S. Aney: May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Central Government failed to supply the Committee with information and generally did not cooperate with the Committee?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: To my knowledge, I am not aware of it.

Manufacture of Tanks

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*313. { **Shri Indrajit Gupta:**
Shri Maheswar Naik:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Avadi tank factory has gone into production;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) whether this factory is planned to manufacture only British models of tanks suited for flat terrain?

The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There has been no delay; the progress in the implementation of the Project is satisfactory. Production is expected to commence in 1965, as planned.

(c) The facilities established at this factory will have the necessary flexibility to undertake other models of tanks also, if necessary.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: May I know what will be the production capacity of this factory at the initial stage and later on when it gets into full production?

Shri Raghuramaiah: I am advised that it will not be in the public interest to disclose the rate of production of tanks in the factory.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: May I know whether arrangements are simultaneously being made for the supply of armour plates for these tanks to be obtained from our own steel factories,