

[श्री मुन्की राज सैनी]

बन सकता। चाहिए तो यह था कि इस पर प्रारम्भ से ही ध्यान दिया जाता, भारत के नागरिकों को शिक्षा दे कर राजनीतिक तरीके से कांश्वास बनाया जाता, सामाजिक तरीके से समाजवाद की तरफ उन्हें आगे बढ़ाया जाता, लेकिन आज 1973 में भी हम 1979 का नाम सुन रहे हैं और वह भी केवल 6 साल से 11 साल के बच्चों के लिए। शिक्षा में आज जो ना-बराबरी है, अगर यह खत्म नहीं होती, हर एक घर में जब तक शिक्षा नहीं पहुँचाई जाती, जब तक शिक्षा निःशुल्क नहीं होती, तब तक देश के अन्दर हमारा यह कहना कि हम समाजवाद ले आयेगे रजत जयन्ती वर्ष के अन्दर यह कहाँ तक उचित है ?

**सभापति महोदयः** अब आप कल बोलें-गा। इस समय रेल्वे मिनिस्टर एक बयान देंगे। रेल्वे मिनिस्टर।

It seems there are 8 or 9 members from the Government side and three or four on the other side. I requested the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs about extension of time. He says the time might be extended by an hour. Therefore, the Minister will speak after these members speak.

**SHRI EBRAHIM SULAIMAN SAIT:** Is the Minister replying today?

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Tomorrow.

#### STATEMENT RE. SHORTAGE OF COAL IN UTTAR PRADESH

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI L. N. MISHRA):** Sir, Shri S. M. Banerjee raised the question of shortage of coal in Uttar Pradesh this morning. While there has been progressive improvement in the loading of coal from Bengal and Bihar fields, since 1970-71, it is a fact and I am conscious of it that there is consider-

able unsatisfied demand of slack coal and soft coke. The railways are making every effort in conjunction with the new Coal Mines Authority to improve the level of loading within the existing resources. I had already indicated in my budget speech that there was need for additional wagons and that 15,000 wagons have been recently ordered over and above the 26,000 wagons already in order. With the materialisation of these orders for additional wagons, the level of loading is bound to increase.

After the taking over of the management of all coal mines by the Government, it has been possible for the Ministry of Steel and Mines and the railways to initiate schemes to re-organise coal loading to improve the wagon availability with a view to satisfying different demands for coal at the required levels. At the Ministerial level and at the operating levels on the zonal railways, there is adequate co-ordination in planning and execution of coal movements. The Ministry of Steel and Mines are also actively coordinating with the State Governments to bulk the coal requirements of small-scale industries, the brickburning industry and domestic consumers and move coal in large quantities in train loads from the coalfields to selected points in the respective States. Eventually, it is the intention to open dumps at convenient places from which further distribution would be done by road within a given radius.

I have no hesitation in saying that as a result of the joint efforts of the two Ministries, there will be an improvement in the availability of coal in different consuming centres in the country.

18.03 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Friday, April 6, 1973/Chaitra 16, 1895 (Saka).*