

**Hindustan Shipyard Limited,  
Vishakapatnam**

\*156. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :  
SHRI K. A. RAJAN :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Vishakapatnam is facing stringent problems as two of its four berths are lying idle for over one year due to lack of adequate orders for ship-building ;

(b) whether Government have examined the situation arising from the non-utilisation of full capacity of the Hindustan Shipyard ; and

(c) if so, the measures which Government propose to take to fully utilise the capacity of the Shipyard ?

**THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) :** (a) Hindustan Shipyard is facing problem of production gap due to lack of adequate ship-building orders for the past one year. Consequently, two of its four berths are unoccupied—one from December, 1979 and second from August, 1980.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) (i) A high level meeting was held with the managements of Shipyards and shipowners to secure more orders for Indian shipyards. As a result of this, orders for four ships of 27,000 DWT each have since been placed on Hindustan Shipyard Limited. Negotiations are also under way with other Indian shipping companies or additional orders.

(ii) Excise Duty of 8% on Indian built ships has been waived by the Government of India from 19-6-1980. This will serve as an incentive to shipping companies to place more orders on Hindustan Shipyard Limited.

**Shortage of Wagons**

\*157. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that because of the acute power shortage in the Eastern Region where most of the wagon building units are situated, the production of wagons for 1980-81 in the first quarter (April-June) has not exceeded 2000 units against an order of 13,500 wagons ;

(b) whether Government are also aware that because of the acute shortage of wagons, the coal movement in the country is restricted, resulting in acute shortage of power ; and

(c) if so, the remedial measures taken by Government therefor ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) :** (a) The final Budget for 1980-81 provides for acquisition of 13,000 wagons in terms of four wheelers during the year. Against *pro-rata* target of 3250 wagons in terms of four wheelers, actual production during April-June, 1980 was 2517 wagons in terms of four wheeler units. The shortfall in production was mainly due to power cuts faced by the wagon builders, labour trouble in some units and shortfall in supply of wheel sets from the Wheel and Axle Plant, Durgapur.

(b) and (c). Shortage of wagons was not allowed to come in the way of moving coal to power houses. However, action has already been taken for procurement of more wagons.

Ministry of Railways have also taken up the matter with the State Governments, including the Governments of Bihar and West Bengal for according higher priority to the wagon builders in the matter of power supply. Also Ministry of Energy have been requested to render necessary assistance in this regard. To make good the shortfall in indigenous supply of wheelsets, arrangements have been made for matching import of wheelsets.

भारतीय हांकी कोच को रिहा कराने में हुई प्रगति

\*158. श्री तारिफ अन्वर :  
श्री अर्जुन सेठी :

क्या विदेश मंत्री भारतीय हांकी कोच का अफगान विद्रोहियों के हाथों में होने के बारे में 12 जून, 1980 के अनारंकित प्रश्न सं० 609 के उत्तर के संबंध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारतीय कोच को रिहा कराने में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ; और

(ख) काबुल में भारतीय दूतावास ने अफगानिस्तान सरकार से किन-किन तारीखों को सम्पर्क किया ?