

गया, वह ऐसे समय किया गया, जब कि हिन्दुस्तान में इलैक्शन हो रहे थे और क्या इसमें कोई इन्टरनेशनल एजेन्सी काम कर रही है ; यदि हाँ, तो क्या उम जांच की रिपोर्ट को सदन की मेज पर रखेंगे ?

श्री स्वर्ण सिंह : यह तो माननीय सदस्य जानते हैं कि उस वक्त इलैक्शन का काम जोरों पर था, जब कि यह हाईजैकिंग हुआ। किसी और इन्टरनेशनल एजेन्सी का इसमें हाथ था, यह अभी तक हमें पता नहीं लग सका है।

SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH : In the face of this grave provocation and grave insults hurled by Pakistan in the face of India will Government think of taking any other retaliatory measures apart from simply banning overflights of Pakistani planes over India ?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH : This was not done by way of retaliatory action ; we exercised our right in a judicious manner. This should be our approach

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

International Control Commission for Indo-China

*2. **SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government of India has been invited to a statement recently made by the Canadian Foreign Minister, accusing India of partisanship in its handling of the International Control Commission for Indo-China ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government of India in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) The text of this statement was made available to the Government of India by the Canadian Government. It does not mention any partisanship by the Government of

India although it points out that Poland and India could have taken more action.

(b) Government of India has taken all necessary action possible in the present circumstances prevailing in Laos. This has been suitably conveyed to the Canadian Government and to other parties concerned.

Decline in Production of Coal by National Coal Development Corporation

*3. **SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND NON-FERROUS METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the total production of coal by the National Coal Development Corporation in the first six months of the current year was one million tonnes less than the target fixed ;

(b) if so, the reasons for the shortfall in production ; and

(c) the steps taken to step up coal production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND NON-FERROUS METALS (SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY) :

(a) Yes, Sir. The actual production of coal during the first six months of the current year was 6 64. m. tonnes was against a target of 15.37 m. tonnes fixed by the Corporation for the full year.

(b) The production was restricted so as to match with demand, which was low due to

(1) continued low off-take of washed coal by the steel plants ;

(2) lack of sufficient orders for Gr. I slack coal particularly in Karanpura area;