

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

कोयले के उत्पादन में कमी

*546. श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : क्या इस्पात खान तथा धातु मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सब है कि कोयले का उत्पादन निरन्तर कम होत जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत पाच वर्षों में कोयले के उत्पादन की क्या स्थिति थी, और

(ग) ऐसी स्थिति होने के क्या कारण थे तथा इस स्थिति सुधारने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

इस्पात, खान तथा धातु मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रकाश चन्द्र सेठी) :

(क) नहीं, महोदय । 1964-65 वर्ष के सिवाय कोयले का उत्पादन लगातार बढ़ता रहा है ।

(ख) एक विवरण सदन के पटल पर रख रखा जाता है ।

(ग) प्रश्न उत्पादन नहीं होता ।

विवरण

पिछले पाच वर्षों में कोयले का उत्पादन

वर्ष	उत्पादन (मिलियन टन)
1962-63	63.45
1963-64	65.13
1964-65	62.78
1965-66	67.73
1966-67	68.43

(प्रस्तावी)

Brussels International Fair

*547. श्री George Fernandes :
श्री Madhu Limaye:
श्री J. H. Patel:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the services of the employees of the Tea Board of India in Brussels were loaned to the British firm of Ridgeways for promotion of tea sales at the Brussels International Fair in April, 1967;

(b) the terms and conditions on which the services of these Indian Government employees were loaned to a private firm; and

(c) whether it is in the interests of Indian tea export trade to offer the services of Indian Government employees to promote the sales of tea marketed by the British firm?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) to (c). One employee from the Tea Board's Office in Brussels, was deputed to assist in publicising in the Brussels International Fair, 1967, a special Indian tea pack containing 100 per cent Darjeeling tea brought out by Ridgeways. Assistance is given by the Tea Board, wherever possible, to leading packers who bring out packets of wholly, or predominantly, Indian tea. This is a part of export promotion activity of the Board.

Australian Wool

*548. श्री R. K. Birla:
श्री Onkar Lal Berwa:
श्री Onkar Singh:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum and the value thereof of the Australian gift wool to be received by us and how much of

it has so far arrived in the country;

(b) how much in terms of quantity and value has so far been lifted by the industry;

(c) if the wool has not already been lifted, the reasons therefor; and

(d) when the balance of the wool, in terms of quantity and value, will arrive in India?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shafi Qureshi)

(a) Under the Colombo Plan, the Australian Government have agreed to supply, over a period of 3 years, 4 million lbs. of greasy wool valued at about Rs. 332 crores. The rupee cost of the wool is to be deposited in a Special Fund for approved projects for development of the Indian Woolen Industry. A quantity of 9.17 lakh lbs. valued at Rs. 49.35 lakhs has already arrived and another 4 lakh lbs. valued at Rs. 23 lakhs is expected to arrive shortly.

(b) and (c). The industry apparently has sufficient stocks of raw materials for present requirements, imported under Actual User and other licences, as they have not lifted any Australian wool. The Industry has also been asking for certain changes in the procedure for the operation of the Raw Wool Pool created with the wool imported from Australia. Discussions with the Industry have been initiated for lifting the stocks.

(d) The entire quantity is to be supplied within three years from 1966-67 and the shipments will arrive at periodic intervals upto September, 1969.

Second U. N. Trade and Development Conference

*548. **Shri N. S. Sharma:**

Shri Sri] Shashan Lal:

Shri A. B. Vajpayee:

Shri Shardanand:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the second U. N. Trade and Development Conference is going to be held in Delhi;

(b) if so, the arrangements so far made for the Conference;

(c) whether any papers have been prepared by Government and other Indian organisations and individuals for the Conference; and

(d) if so, the main features thereof?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the organisational side, arrangements are being made for (i) providing accommodation for the participants in the Conference, (ii) Conference facilities in Vigyan Bhavan, (iii) providing transport facilities and (iv) information and publicity etc.

(c) and (d). A number of expert panels, consisting of economists and others from the Ministries of the Government of India and from Universities and other such institutions, have been constituted to prepare studies and position papers on all subjects of interest to India and to developing countries in general, on the basis of the draft provisional agenda for the Conference. The work of these panels is in progress.

Indo-Polish Collaboration in the Manufacture of Machine Tools

*549. **Shri Eswara Reddy:** Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the leader of the Polish Scientists delegation which visited India recently has expressed the enormous possibility of further Indo-Polish collaboration in the field of machine tools and machinery;