

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि ये वस्तुएं उच्च रेशवे अधिकारियों को दी गई थी ; और

(ग) इस प्रकार चोरी-छिपे कितनी मात्रा में वस्तुएं लायी गई और दोषी अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री जे० मु० पुनावा) :

(क) मार्च और अप्रैल, 1964 में अमरीका से आयातित कुछ डीजल रेल इंजनों के कैबिनो से कुछ ऐसे विदेशी सामान बरामद हुए थे जिनकी घोषणा नहीं की गयी थी।

(ख) उनमें से कुछ सामान या तो कुछ रेलवे अधिकारियों के थे या उनके लिए थे।

(ग) पकड़े गये सामान का मूल्य अनुमानतः 50,000 रुपये था। सम्बन्धित अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध तटकर प्राधिकारियों द्वारा समुद्र तटकर अधिनियम के अधीन कार्रवाई की गई थी। इस सम्बन्ध में केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वारा भी जांच की गई थी और उसकी रिपोर्ट पर केन्द्रीय चौकसी आयोग ने सलाह दी थी कि किसी अधिकारी के विरुद्ध अनुशासनात्मक कार्रवाई अपेक्षित नहीं है।

EXPORT OF COKING COAL

*273. SHRI K. HALDAR : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to use low grade and blendable cooking coal at all public sector steel plants in order to release quantities of superior coking coal for export;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) the quantity of superior coking coal to be exported and the value thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) to (c). Public sector steel plants are already using medium coking coals and blendable coals along with prime coking coals in order to conserve good quality coals. A proposal to export a limited quantity of superior coking coal is under the consideration of Government. It's too early yet to

say anything about the quantity which can be exported and still less about the likely value thereof.

EAST EUROPEAN MARKETS

*275. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian goods are facing competition from Pakistan in the East European markets; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Pakistan, like other developing countries, has been trying various measures to increase her exports to East European countries, but there has so far been no serious effect on the marketability of Indian goods.

(b) The trade is constantly under review and effective steps for increasing our competitiveness are under consideration.

NON-SUPPLY OF MATERIALS BY THE STEEL PLANTS

*276. SHRI P. RAMAMURTI :
SHRI UMANATH :
SHRI SATYA NARAIN SINGH :

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of the senior Vice-President of the Steel Association of India at the recent Annual Conference of the Association held in Calcutta in December, 1967 wherein he cited cases of non-supply of materials by the steel plants even against orders placed in 1961;

(b) if so, how far the statement is correct; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The statement was made in the context of the financial arrangements required to be made by the stockists in advance of the despatch of materials and no specific cases have been cited.