

used to be regulated in accordance with the grade-wise schedule which was drawn on the basis of the recommendations of the Fuel Efficiency Committee. With the Government decision decontrolling movement/distribution of coal, the Industry-wise Grade Schedule has become inoperative/ineffective in so far as use of non coking coal is concerned. As regards coking coal, the position is that, such coal not required for metallurgical purposes, can now be consumed by non-metallurgical consumers as well. But even after decontrol the general pattern of the use of selected grades of coal has remained more or less the same as it was prior to decontrol. Government is, however, carefully watching the position.

EXPORT OF MACHINE TOOLS

682. SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that delegates visiting foreign countries are returning with the shocking experience that those countries are quite un-aware of the capacities of Indian industries to manufacture sophisticated machine tools, complicated castings and steel structurals etc.; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to give wide publicity in those—countries about the ability of this country to export the machine tools which are in great demand in foreign markets ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHAMMAD SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) and (b) It is not a fact that there is no awareness about the export capabilities of Indian machine tools, Iron and Steel Castings and Fabricated structurals. Publicity measures by way of supplements, advertisements, periodicals is undertaken on a regular basis by the Engineering Export Promotion Council. Apart from this sales and study teams and trade delegations sponsored by the Government through the Engineering Export Promotion Council supplement the objective of

creating awareness of India's capability in the Engineering products. As a result of these measures exports of the items have progressed satisfactorily during the last few years.

These products are also publicised through exhibitions and fairs abroad and every effort is made to include these in the trade agreements negotiated with foreign Governments. Recently a catalogue of machine tools manufactured in the country has been issued by the Machine Tool Manufacturers' Association of India for distribution in foreign countries. Hindusthan Machine Tools Ltd. have also opened a number of foreign offices abroad and orders booked by them have recently been on the increase.

EXPORT PROMOTION

683. SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Trade Commissioners and Commercial Attaches do not care to pass on timely information to India about global tenders invited by countries where they are posted while their counterparts from other countries possess all the drive and initiative to secure advance information about such tenders and keep their respective countries well-informed in advance, enabling them to secure substantial business resulting in augmentation of exports ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to streamline the Trade Commissioners and instil incentive in them to secure advance information in such matters ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHAMMAD SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

MARKERS OF LOCO WORKSHOPS, GORAKHPUR

684. SHRI M. V. BHADRAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :