

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: I answered it specifically; even in that respect also and in other respects, the supply position is quite easy.

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no short-fall.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether any steps are being taken to see that in future grades II and III coal are washed and turned into grade I coal?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: That is being done, Sir.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether any target has been fixed for the production of grade I coal in the Fourth Plan?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: That is what I said in the reply: That is still to be done and we are at it.

SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Certain coal washeries were to be put up to improve the quality of coal. May I know from the hon. Minister the number of coal washeries that have already been put up, the number that is to be put up in future and the places where they will be put up?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: A number of coal washeries have been put up but about the precise number and other things, a separate question may be put to the Minister of Mines.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: May I know whether Government are aware of one aspect of the consumption of coal? High grade coal, which is in short supply, is being used, because of faulty planning, for purposes for which other grades, grades II and III, could be used? May I know whether Government have applied their mind to this aspect of the question, and what steps they propose to take to meet this situation?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: It is true that high grade coal is in limited quantity,

not of course very limited but limited and efforts are being made to prevent the use of high grade coal where low grade coal, grades II and III, could be used. That is being done.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: What are those efforts?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Preventing the use of one and encouraging the use of the others.

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: A lot of high grade coal was used in the Railways, particularly in power generation. Now we are using the middlings from the washeries, and where high grade coal was being used, other grades are being used now.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether the Minister is aware that if middlings are used in power plants the efficiency of the power plants is affected?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: The technological advance is taking care of that also.

•756. [The questioner (Shri G. K. Kapoor) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 4947-4948 infra.]

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: Sir, Question No. 762 also pertains to the same subject. Question Nos. 550 and 762 relate to the same subject and if it is agreed, I can answer them together.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: Both should be taken together.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes.

#### NIGHT SHELTER FOR PAVEMENT DWELLERS

•560. DR. SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA: Will the Minister of WORK AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have arranged night shelter for pavement dwellers in Delhi; and

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(b) what arrangements have been made by Government for big cities like Calcutta and Bombay?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA): (a) Yes.

(b) The State Governments have been asked to construct night shelters for pavement dwellers and to meet the expenditure from funds allocated under the Slum Clearance Scheme.

#### NIGHT SHELTERS IN DELHI

•762. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of night shelters opened so far in Delhi;

(b) the number of persons to whom accommodation is provided therein; and

(c) whether all the night shelters are being used for the purpose for which they have been set up?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA): (a) to (c) The Delhi Municipal Corporation and the Bharat Sevak Samaj have so far opened 28 night shelters in Delhi, which can accommodate 4,657 persons. Three more night shelters capable of accommodating 860 persons will be opened shortly. The night shelters are used at night by the pavement dwellers. According to a survey made a few days ago, only about 50 per cent of the accommodation was being utilised.

DR. SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA: May I know the capital and the recurring expenditure in respect of night shelters in Delhi?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA: We give some grants under the Slum Clearance Scheme. Recurring expenditure, I think, is borne both by the Delhi Corporation and the Bharat Se-

vak Samaj. I do not think we make any recurring grants.

DR. SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA: Is it run by the Bharat Sevak Samaj out of grants given by the Government? I want to know firstly whether any money has been given to the Samaj for running night shelters. What is the arrangement for the people? Whether it is done by the Samaj or the Government, by way of provision of bedding or blankets in the nights?

SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA. The Bharat Sevak Samaj is a social organisation. As far as I remember, I do not think any grant has been given by my Ministry but I can have the matter checked up if the hon. Member were to write to me. I have visited these shelters and "« provide some *durries* and blankets to these people, squatters who want to come and take advantage of this. Till a few days ago a nominal charge of six paise per head was being charged by the Bharat Sevak Samaj but at my request even that charge is no longer being levied. These are free night shelters, both the ones provided by the Bharat Sevak Samaj and the Delhi Municipal Corporation

श्री शेर खाँ : क्या मैं मिनिस्टर साहब से यह जान सकता हूँ कि इन शेल्टरों को बनाने के बारे में बंगाल, महाराष्ट्र और दूसरे स्टेटों से भी पूछा गया ?

श्री मेहर चन्द खन्ना : हमने तमाम स्टेट्स को लिखा कि वे भी बनायें । जहाँ तक मेरा इल्म है दिल्ली के बाहर सिर्फ दो-चार जगहों पर नाइट शैल्टर्स बनाये गये हैं । मैं उनके नाम आपकी खिदमत में धर्ज कर देता हूँ और वे इस तरह से हैं :

अहमदाबाद, आगरा, शिमला और बंगलौर ।

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