

SHRI P. C. SETHI: We hope to receive the final project report by May 1963 and it would be possible to decide only after that.

BOOK ENTITLED 'GOLDEN GUIDE TO SOUTH AND SOUTH EAST ASIA'

*84. SHRI A. M. TARIQ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 853 in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th September, 1962 and state:

(a) whether Government have received any explanation from the Director-General of Tourism who wrote a foreword to the book entitled 'Golden Guide to South and South East Asia'; and

(b) if so, what is that explanation and what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR): (a) Yes.

(b) The explanation of Director-General of Tourism is under examination of the Transport Ministry.

MOVEMENT OF COAL BY RIVER ROUTES

SHRI A. M. TARIQ†:

*85. SHRI S. C. DEB:

SHRI ARJUN ARORA:

Will the Minister of MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken for the movement of coal by river routes; and

(b) if so, what are those steps?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND FUEL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Government has for-

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri A. M. Tariq.

mulated a scheme for the movement of coal from coal mines in Bihar to Allahabad by road and river. In the immediate future, about 800 to 1000 tons per month as a trial will be transported by using the spare capacity of the Ganga-Brahmaputra Water Transport Board. The first trial run in this connection is expected to take place shortly. Depending upon the success of this short terms scheme, Government proposes to step up the movement of coal to 3.5 million tons per annum ultimately.

شری اے۔ ایم۔ طارق - میں اس سلسلہ میں یہ جاننا چاہتا ہوں کہ منسٹری آف ہومل اینڈ مائنس اور ٹرانسپورٹ منسٹری کے بیچ میں کوئلے پہنچانے کے بارے میں کیا تعلق ہے اور وہ کس قدر اس میں مدد دے سکتی ہے ؟

†[श्री ए० एम० तारिक : मैं इस सिलसिले में यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि मिनिस्ट्री आफ फ्यूल एंड माइन्स और ट्रांसपोर्ट मिनिस्ट्री के बीच में कोयले पहुँचाने के बारे में क्या ताल्लुक है और वह किस कदर इसमें मदद दे सकती है।]

श्री के० डी० मालवीय : यह स्कीम हमारी मिनिस्ट्री तैयार करती है और इसमें करीब दो ढाई महीने लगेंगे । लेकिन इस बीच और मिनिस्ट्रियों से सलाह मशविरा हो रहा है और इसमें एकमत नहीं हो पाया है । मुझे उम्मीद है कि सभी मामलों में मिनिस्ट्री आफ ट्रांसपोर्ट, फाइनेन्स डिपार्टमेंट और माइन्स एंड फ्यूल डिपार्टमेंट में बात तय हो जायेगी और स्कीम जल्दी चालू हो जायेगी ।

†[] Hindi transliteration.

شری اے - ایم - طارق : میں اس سلسلہ میں یہ بھی جاننا چاہتا ہوں کہ جب ملک میں نئے حالات پیدا ہو گئے ہوں تو دیا یہ ممکن نہیں ہے کہ کوئلہ کو ایک جگہ سے دوسری جگہ اور تیز رفتار سے پہنچانے کے لئے کوآپریٹو سوسائٹیز کی مدد لیں تاکہ آمدورفت میں فائدہ ہو -

†[श्री ए० एम० तारिक : मैं इस मिल-मिले में यह भी जानना चाहता हूँ कि जब मुल्क में नये हालात पैदा हो गये है तो क्या यह मुमकिन नहीं है कि कोयले को एक जगह से दूसरी जगह और तेज रफ्तार से पहुंचाने के लिए कोआपरेटिव सोसाइटीज की मदद लें ताकि ग्रामदोरफ्त में फायदा हो।]

श्री के० डी० मालवीय : इस तरह की योजना है। दरियाओं के जरिये कोयला तो पहुंचाया ही जायेगा लेकिन यातायात के नये साधन भी चालू किये जायेंगे। इस बारे में गौर हो रहा है और उम्मीद है कि हमारे और फाइनेंस मिनिस्ट्री में सब बातें जल्दी तय हो जायेंगी ताकि यह योजना जल्दी चालू हो जाये।

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know, Sir, what will be the cost per ton of coal by this new method of transport?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: The cost of transport per ton from the coal-mines to Allahabad will be somewhat higher than the conventional cost by the railways, but as and when the quantity of coal increases and the overhead charges are reduced, perhaps it will be quite competitive. But apart from the fact of a competitive and economic price for the transport, the attractive feature of

the scheme is that a new system of transport will be opened for the nation.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know if this additional cost will be subsidised by the Government, or will the consumers be asked to pay a little more?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: The consumers are already paying much higher rates than the rates which are permissible under the railway freight system. Perhaps they would not mind paying a little more.

SHRI B. K. GAIKWAD: May I know how much coal will be carried by this river route per month?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: The scheme of the Ministry is to move about four million tons of coal by the end of this Plan period by the road and river transport systems.

SHRI A. D. MANI: Is there any system at work to control the freight rates of these boats which carry coal?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: If the scheme goes through, certainly Government have every intention of regulating the freight charges and controlling them as is consistent with the needs.

*86. [Transferred to the 14th November, 1962.]

सस्ती कारों का निर्माण

*८७. श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरङ्गिया : क्या इस्पात तथा भारी उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत में इस समय उपलब्ध कारों से सस्ती कारें बनाने के लिये किन किन भारतीय फर्मों ने अनुज्ञा मांगी थी ;