

श्री विमलकुमार मन्नालालजी चौरिङ्ग्या :

क्या श्रीमान जी यह बतलाने को कृपा करेंगे कि यह बात सही है कि बीच में विदेशी मुद्रा की कमी की वजह से जिसका कि अभी माननीय मंत्री जी ने रेफरेंस दिया है—टाटा मर्सेडीज का उत्पादन कम होने लगा था ? तो क्या आज की स्थिति को देखते हुए उसका उत्पादन बढ़ा दिया गया है या अभी भी कमी की स्थिति है ?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I do not think that the production of Mercedes-Benz trucks has gone down. It has not gone down.

COAL-MINE DISCOVERED IN JUNGALGALI IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR STATE

*354. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT: Will the Minister of MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new coal-mine has been discovered in Jungalgali area in the Jammu region of Jammu and Kashmir State;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the new coal-mine is estimated to contain 4.5 million tons of good quality coal; and

(c) what are the prospects of exploiting this new coal-mine?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND FUEL (SHRI R. M. HAJARNAVIS): (a) The existence of deposits of coal in Jungalgali area in the Jammu and Kashmir State has been known for a long time.

(b) So far, the existence of very little coal has been proved in this area. Indications, however, are that with further drilling, it may be possible to prove sufficient quantity of coal by about the middle of 1964 for opening a mine with a capacity of 0.15 million tonnes. This mine cannot, however, be expected to commence production before the first year of the Fourth Plan.

(c) Government are considering whether the National Coal Development Corporation should develop the Jungalgali mine in the Jammu and Kashmir coalfield.

SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: May I know if some foreign personnel have been engaged for the development of this mine?

SHRI R. M. HAJARNAVIS: Not that I am aware of.

*355. [The questioner (Shri Sitaram Jaipuria) was absent. For answer, vide col. 2114 infra.]

DISTRIBUTION ETC., OF COAL

*356. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL: Will the Minister of MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the distribution of coal, establishment and operation of coal washeries, gasification of coal and manufacture of coal-based petro-chemicals are proposed to be brought under the purview of an integrated public undertaking; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND FUEL (SHRI R. M. HAJARNAVIS): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

*357. [The questioner (Shri Bairagi Dwivedy) was absent. For answer, vide col. 2114 infra.]

*358. [The questioner (Shri Dhananjay Mohanty) was absent. For answer, vide col. 2115 infra.]

OFFICIALS WITH THE INDIAN TEAMS TO FOURTH ASIAN GAMES AT DJAKARTA

*359. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 780 in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th August, 1962 and state: