

MR CHAIRMAN. The question is, when you have such facilities of communication, why call one Central and the other peripheral Mrs Ramamurti has put a question and it has not been answered

SHRI K C REDDY I can answer the question but it requires elaboration on my part

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA Is the hon Minister aware, since he is in charge of constructions, that apart from the speech of the Prime Minister against such big constructions, today this kind of building, skyscrapers, and, town planning on the basis of skyscrapers, is not considered to be a modern idea?

SHRI K C REDDY There is no such skyscraper in Delhi at all The hon Member is misinformed

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI May I know whether the hon Minister knows that the Mayor of Delhi has expressed the opinion against skyscrapers in Delhi?

SHRI K C REDDY I saw a newspaper report that the Mayor of Delhi Corporation had addressed the hon. Prime Minister on this subject

APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO ENQUIRE INTO THE LOW PRODUCTION AT THE SINDRI FERTILIZERS

*455 SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that a committee has been appointed by Government to go into the working of Sindri Fertilizer Factory with special reference to the low level of production during the past few months,

(b) whether the findings of the committee have been considered by Government, and

(c) if so, what are the main features of the findings and the recommendations of the said committee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA) (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT

1 Dr Husam Zaheer, a Director of Sindri Company, who was requested by the Board of Directors to investigate the causes of decline in production at Sindri, came to the conclusion that efficiency of gas generators had gone down due to clinking troubles caused by the use of poor coke of inconsistent quality and excessive wear and tear

2 The main recommendations made by him were —

(i) In order to keep the generators in good shape with no clinking troubles, uninterrupted and uniform supplies of different coils of the following composition should be ensured —

8,000 tons Loyabad	}	Jharia 'A'
6—9,000 tons Lodna washed		
2,500 tons Golden Geenagora	}	Jharia 'B'
6,500—7,000 tons non-Sitalpur		
3,500—5,000 tons Sitalpur	}	Dishergarh.

(ii) Steps should be taken for complete overhaul of all the eight generators and repairs and replacements of worn-out parts

(iii) Coal and Coke handling units should be thoroughly redesigned and renovated

3 The above recommendations have been accepted by the Board and are being implemented

4 A close watch is being kept on the situation

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK May I know whether the maximum level of

production has been reached by this factory since it went into production as against its production capacity and, if not to what extent it declined?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA The maximum production was reached in the years 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58. In 1957-58 it was about 3,30,000 tons of ammonium sulphate and in 1959-60 it was 2,85,000 tons.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK From the statement I find that the efficiency of gas generators had gone down due to clinkering troubles caused by the use of poor coke of inconsistent quality and excessive wear and tear. May I know whether, before the inconsistent quality of coke was used, it could not be foreseen that it would add to wear and tear?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA From November 1958 to 8th February 1960 Sindri Fertilizers did not get the proper quality of coal as they were diverted to the new steel plants. The supply has now been restored but the generators require overhauling.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK May I know when the capacity level of production can be expected to be reached?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA Steps are being taken to overhaul all the generators. The fertilizer production is a continuous process in running stream. It takes about 2 or 3 months to overhaul one generator and there are eight. So it will be one and a half years before full production can be restored.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA Did the Minister get information through some notes or memorandum that there were conflicts and controversies among the top officials and that as a result of these conflicts and controversies among them the work on the plant suffered and the production also suffered consequently?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA These things have nothing to do with the efficiency of the generators. The stoppage of the supply of proper grades of coal for a temporary period, for about a year, and clinkering trouble in the generators, requiring their complete overhaul, led to lower production.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA The hon. Minister said that the generator had become idle and, the supply did not come. The officers were there. May I know whether it is not a fact that certain deadlocks came in dealing with the various aspects of production as a result of this kind of division and controversy that went on among the officials in Sindri and that whether, in this connection, he received or his Department received any note or memorandum from the authorities there even from a Minister?

MR CHAIRMAN Now answer to that question.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH I would like to know whether it was only due to inadequate supply of coal that the production fell or it was because of the low quality of the gypsum that was received by the fertilizer factory.

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA It was mainly due to the poor quality of the coal that we got. We got the full supply, but the quality was not the proper one. The coking coal which we were getting from certain mines was stopped. The quality of the gypsum is also a factor in the production of ammonium sulphate and this varies from time to time, but the difficulty is experienced in the rainy season when it comes in a very moist form.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY It has been seen from the figures given by the hon. Minister that there has been a short fall of about 45,000 tons of fertilizer in the Sindri factory, and it has not been made clear whether it is due to the short supply of coal or gypsum or whether the fault

lay in the generator. What exactly was the reason for this short fall of 45,000 tons in the production of fertilizer last year? I would like that to be made clear.

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA That is exactly what I am trying to answer. Fertilizers are made from the gases produced by the gasification of certain coals. The coal that we got during this period was of inferior quality and did not generate sufficient quantity of the gases which are utilised in the production of these fertilizers.

SHRI N SRI RAMA REDDY But was not this foreseen in a factory like the Sindri factory where the work involves the supply of materials and so on? Was not such an eventuality foreseen before?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA All these could not be properly foreseen as we were getting certain varieties of coal which were considered fit. But when the new steel plants came in that supply had to be diverted and priority given to them and we got the inferior coal for about a year.

PANDIT S S N TANKHA I want to know whether these generators had worked for the normal length of time or whether they had commenced giving unsatisfactory work earlier. What was the reason for their not working properly?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA The generators were working properly. Of course, they had become old and been working continuously for the past 8 or 9 years. So they required overhauling. At the same time, inferior quality coal came in and there was clinkering trouble—I could not explain what that means—the technicians examined it and said there was clinkering trouble in the generators which added to this trouble.

PANDIT S S N TANKHA Sir, my question has not been answered.

MR CHAIRMAN Yes, this is all there. He said they were old and required overhauling.

PANDIT S S N TANKHA But I wanted to know whether they had worked for the normal working hours and if they did not work for that period, why they got out of order before time.

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA They were working continuously for the last eight or nine years without stopping, and they worked all the 24 hours of the day.

VIOLATIONS OF CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT BY PAKISTAN IN KASHMIR

*456 **SHRI N M LINGAM** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) the number of times the Cease-fire Agreement has been violated in Kashmir by the Pakistan Army in the current year,

(b) the number of violations from the Indian side as alleged by Pakistan during the same period, and

(c) the number of such cases investigated by the United Nations' Observers and the results of their investigations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (**SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON**) (a) 30 times up to November 30, 1960.

(b) 28 within the same period.

(c) All the cases were referred to the U N Military Observers who awarded 7 violations against India and 18 non violations against India, 5 violations against Pakistan and 18 non violations against Pakistan. Their award in 10 cases is awaited.

SHRI N M LINGAM May I know, the extent of the loss of life and the damage to property during these violations by Pakistani Army into our territory?