

(d) what are the main recommendations of the report submitted by the Special Officer ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) Yes.

(b) The Report of the Special Officer containing the standard evolved was submitted by him in January 1955.

(c) Government have decided that the standards suggested should be given a trial by the Director-General, Posts and Telegraphs in the first instance and orders to this effect are under issue.

(d) A statement is appended summing up the recommendations in regard to the Accounts Branch of Head Post Offices and Head Record Offices.

STATEMENT

1. Prescription of a uniform procedure for work in the Accounts Branches of Post Offices.

2. Fixation of standards in terms of time for each operation involved in the accounts work in Post Offices and Record Offices.

3. Fixing a standard for the post of Assistant Accountants in terms of work in place of an *ad hoc* standard of one post for 250 members of the establishment.

4. Provision for work relating to personal duties of postmasters, delegated to the Accountants.

5. Fixing standards for supervisory work in the Accounts Branch and for the post of Lower Selection Grade and Higher Selection Grade Accountants, based on the number of persons in the Branch.

EMPLOYEES' STATE INSURANCE SCHEME

20. SHRI M. VALIULLA : Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the names of places where the Employees' State Insurance Scheme has been extended so far in 1956-57; and

(b) what is the amount now available in the Fund ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) (1) Akola, (2) Hinganghat, (3) Burhanpur, (4) Quilon, (5), Alleppey, (6) Ernakulam, (7) Alwaye, (8) Trichur, (9) Maduria, (10) Tuticorin, (11) Ambasamudram.

(b) Approximately Rs. 9,88,17,500 on 30th September 1956.

NUMBER OF WORKERS IN MICA MINES

21. SHRI M. VALIULLA : Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of workers working in Mica Mines at present; and

(b) the number of hospitals that are provided for them ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) About 30632 workers during 1955, according to the latest available information.

(b) A 50 bed hospital has been provided at Karma (Bihar) with a five-bed T. B. Ward attached to it. In Andhra two beds in the District Headquarters Hospital, Nellore and one bed in the State Government Hospital, Gudur have been reserved exclusively for mica mining workers. Besides these, the hospitals in different States also cater to the needs of mica workers.

APPLICATIONS FOR IMPORT LICENCES

22. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND CONSUMER INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications received for import licences for each of the different categories separately for the current and the preceding half-years; and

(b) the number of applications of each category (i) rejected, and (ii) pending disposal ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND CONSUMER INDUSTRIES AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES. (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): A statement is attached. [See Appendix XV. Annexure No. 6.]

कोरबा कोयला परियोजना

२३. श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : क्या उत्पादन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि कोरबा कोयला परियोजना के सम्बन्ध में क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

†[KORBA COAL PROJECT

23. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state the progress so far made in regard to the Korba coal project?]

उत्पादन उपमंत्री (श्री सतीशचंद्र) : अभी तक की गयी खोज के फलस्वरूप धरातल पर तीन खानें और भूगर्भ में एक खान खोलने की संभावना प्रतीत होती है। धरातल की एक प्रयोगात्मक खानें पर प्रारंभिक कार्य शुरू हो गया है और आशा है कि १९५७ के आरम्भ में इससे कोयला निकलने लगेगा। भूगर्भित खान पर भी शीघ्र ही कार्य शुरू होने वाला है और अप्रैल, १९५७ तक कोयले की तह तक पहुंच जाने की आशा है। कुछ महीनों बाद जब नये यंत्र आने शुरू हो जायेंगे, दो और खानों पर भी कार्य आरम्भ हो जायेगा।

रूसी विशेषज्ञों का एक दल देश में अभी आया है। ये विशेषज्ञ कोरबा क्षेत्र में कोयला निकालने के लिये भारतीय विशेषज्ञों द्वारा बनाई गई योजना का अध्ययन करेंगे और इस बारे में सलाह देंगे कि इस क्षेत्र में किस प्रकार जल्द से जल्द और कम खर्च करके कोयला निकाला जाये तथा किस प्रकार के यंत्र काम में लाये जायें।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA) : As a result of the drilling so far done it is possible to plant for opening of three open cast mines and one underground mine. Preliminary work on a pilot quarry has begun and this is expected to go into production in early 1957. Work on the underground mine is also expected to be started very soon and according to

†English translation.

present expectation, the coal will be touched in April 1957. The work on the other two mines will also be taken in hand in a few months' time when the machinery, indented for, starts arriving.

A team of Russian Experts has just arrived in the country. The team will study the project report prepared by an Indian team for the mining of coal in Korba region and generally advise on the mining methods to be adopted for the speedy and ecomic working of the mines and the type of machiney to be used.]

STATEMENT REGARDING REPLY TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION ON STARRED QUESTION NO. 150 ANSWERED ON THE 8TH MAY, 1956.

CHARTER RATE OF FLIGHTS OPERATED BY AIR INDIA INTERNATIONAL

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): Sir, with your permission I wish to correct an unfortunate error which occurred in my reply to a supplementary question arising out of Starred Question No. 150 for the 8th May 1956. The information given in course of the reply to Shri Govinda Reddy's supplementary question relating to cost of flights operated by Air India International that the charter rate usually yields 20 to 25 per cent. profit on the total cost is not correct. This percentage of profit is only on the out of pocket cost and not on the total cost. I deeply regret this error, and apologize to you, Sir, and to members of the Sabha.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO DR. RAGHUBIR SINH

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform hon. Members that the following letter dated the 19th October, 1956, has been received from Dr. Raghubir Sinh :