

were informed by some of them previously that they proposed to discuss this, not in detail but broadly and we could certainly discuss it, and if it is advantageous to us in fixing our policy we shall be very happy. Nobody considered the details. There was a previous reference to this as to whether they could discuss it and we said: You are perfectly welcome to discuss it.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: May I know, now that we are discussing these various offers, whether we are discussing these after accepting or after making it known to the other parties that these offers are only subject to certain principles which we have generally adopted, that this industry would be absolutely State-controlled, if not fully State-owned?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Yes, but we are not at present discussing anything at all; there are no discussions going on; there may be. We welcome the discussions, not rule them out, because, as has been said repeatedly, we want to increase our iron and steel output. Even if we have two we want a third new plant put up. Therefore, we propose to have discussions wherever feasible on that basis.

SHRI B. GUPTA: May I know, Sir, if the Prime Minister is aware that at least some sections of the businessmen in India—they are high up—are opposed to the success in the talks that are going on between India and the Russian experts and that it is with a view to prevent the materialisation of these talks that they entered into discussions with the British immediately?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Suggestions, insinuations, etc. are not permitted.

SHRI B. GUPTA: This is in the press, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: May be in the press.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: There is a lot of confusion. It appears, from what the Minister has been saying, that there have been preliminary dis-

cussions and no proposals are under consideration, no concrete proposals. Do I understand that either the Russian or the British source has not put up any scheme whatsoever which is going to be discussed or is it only a question of discussion that certain assistance might be available provided the scheme is evolved?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: In fact, when I spoke just now, I was only referring to the so-called British proposal, not to the Russian proposal at all. In regard to the Soviet proposal we have gone many steps forward. There is a team here—the Soviet team going about. We have had preliminary discussions with them and we propose to continue these discussions in the course of the next few weeks after they have inspected certain sites. They are quite independent. We may accept both, as I said.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Is there no scheme?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: It is still vague; we have not as a Government discussed them.

EMPLOYMENT OF TECHNICIANS

*312. SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to bring about co ordination between the industrial and educational spheres so that qualified technicians could be suitably employed; and

(b) whether Government have taken any steps in this direction so far as the employment of the technicians by Government itself is concerned?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING (SHRI S. N. MISHRA): (a) and (b). Yes; the subject was studied by the Scientific Manpower Committee on whose recommendations a programme for higher technical education was drawn up and included in the First Five Year Plan. The All India Council of Technical Education endeavour in all their proposals to

relate training facilities to industrial requirements. The training schemes of the Ministry of Labour also take *account of* requirements for skilled workers in industries. The subject is at present being reviewed by the Planning Commission's Working Group on Manpower Studies both from the point of view of the First Five Year Plan and for training the necessary personnel for the Second Five Year Plan.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: My question is about co-ordination. May I know whether any co-ordination has been established and if so, to what extent?

SHRI S. N. MISHRA: The reply also, I would submit, is exactly in regard to co-ordination. Taking the two parts of the hon. Member's question there is a little bit of vagueness but we have tried to point during the course of the reply what action had been taken. We had taken many steps in that direction. The first step was taken in 1947 when a Scientific Manpower Committee was constituted and many recommendations were made by that committee and the Government accepted the recommendations for increasing the facilities for technical training. Then again another step was taken when the All India Council of Technical Education was constituted. That also made certain recommendations. On that Council certain leading industrialists are represented, who always look to the needs of the industries and the technical manpower requirements. Then only one step more and that is that a working group has also been studying this problem in the Planning Commission.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Is the hon. Minister aware of the good advice tendered by the hon. Minister for Production very recently in the month of September to the industrialists about this co-ordination? He was complaining that there was no coordination and he gave a certain piece of advice and it is with reference to that I am asking this question. Now,

may I know if that good advice given by the hon. Minister for Production is followed to any extent by the Government itself so far as its own Departments are concerned?

SHRI S. N. MISHRA: I did not know in fact that this question referred to what the hon. Minister for Production had said. That has also come to our notice and I think the observations made by the hon. Minister for Production emanated from his close and intimate touch with what is being done by the Government in that regard.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Sir, he has not answered the question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says it has been taken note of by the Government.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: What note has been taken by the Government? Let the hon. Minister give some information as to how this advice which the hon. Minister for Production gave to the trade is being followed by the Government itself. • We have so many Departments where we have got so much production under the control of the Government. I want to know whether this good advice given by the Government to the trade is being followed to any extent by the Government itself or not and if it is so followed let us have some information *on* that point.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am glad you say that the advice given by the Government is good. That is one concession.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: If it is good, I always say it is good.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: I will go further and say that whatever advice we give to others we are constantly giving to ourselves.

SHRI B. GUPTA: But are they being implemented? (Interriptions.)

SHRI S. MAHANTY: The question relates to the steps taken by the

Government to bring about a coordination between industrial and educational training. Now, what is the basis of the co-ordination? You say that steps have been taken. May I know what is the basis on which you have taken steps? And in the second place I want to know whether it is not a fact that the Planning Commission recommended that there should be a Technical Man-Power Committee which will assess the requirements of technical manpower needed for the First Five Year Plan and for the Second Five Year Plan. Now that we are going to end our First Five Year Plan, may I know what steps have been taken by the Government to make that assessment?

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is a question to be discussed when we take up the Progress of the Plan. It is a long thing. We are trying to untie knots in the air. That won't do.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL ENQUIRY COMMITTEE

*313. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to accept any of the recommendations of the Pharmaceutical Enquiry Committee; and

(b) if so, what are these recommendations?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) : (a) and (b). The recommendations of the Pharmaceutical Enquiry Committee are under consideration and Government expect to issue a resolution on the subject in due course.

*314. [The questioner (Shri N. Prasadarao) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 2088 infra.]

COMMITTEE ON COAL WASHING PLANT AT KARGALI/BOKARO

*315. SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee set up to report on the possibility of establishing

a Coal Washing Plant at Kargali/ Bokaro has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) whether the recommendations of the Committee have been accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

CORRUPTION IN COLLIERY

*316. SHRI ABDUR REZZAK KHAN: Will the Minister for PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints were received by Government from the Giridih Coal Workers' Union as regards alleged corruption in the colliery, and

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been made to ascertain the facts and with what results?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION (SHRI K. C. REDDY) : (a) Yes.

(b) The complaints made by the union were investigated and found to be baseless.

SHRI B. GUPTA: We are told that the complaints were found to be baseless. May I know, if in the course of the investigation, the representatives of the union were also consulted?

SHRI K. C. REDDY: I have no information on that point but the information that I have is that all the complaints that were made were carefully gone into and we received a report from the officer concerned that all the complaints were baseless. I do not know the procedure that was adopted.

SHRI B. GUPTA: That is very important, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He will find out the procedure.