

RAJYA SABHA

Monday, 21st September 1954

The House met at eleven of the clock, MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

COAL DEPOSITS IN ANDHRA

*508. SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHA-RAO: Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have been requested by the Government of Andhra to undertake the survey of coal deposits in Andhra; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Geological Survey of India have included the investigation of coal deposits in East and West Godavari Districts by drilling as an item of work for the field season commencing November 1954.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: Is it a fact that the Chief Minister of Andhra has complained that they are not given proper information in all this, and further assistance from the Government of India?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: The Government of India have to do this prospecting work ' by drilling, themselves, and we have included this programme in the next winter season. What else is it, according to the hon. Member, that the Andhra Government wants from us?

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: May I remind the hon. Minister that two Directors of the Geological Survey of India had reported that there

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are rich deposits of coal in the Godavari valley, and that this was some three years ago?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Yes, Sir, I know it.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: How long will it take to go into the matter?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: There are some appliances which have to be purchased from abroad and unless drills and other things are purchased and they are in our possession we cannot start the work.

SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: Am I to understand that the Government have no instruments with which to assist the Andhra Government?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: We have some, but we have fixed a priority. There are other more important work and we have agreed to include this programme in the next field season. As soon as we get more drills from abroad, we shall start the work.

SHRI B. V. GURUMURTHY: Is it not a fact that a similar request was made by the Hyderabad Government?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We are not concerned with the Hyderabad Government here.

*509. [The hon. Dr. K. N. Katju was not present to reply when this question was called.]

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We will take it up later. Next question.

PRIVATE REMITTANCE BETWEEN INDIA AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES

♦510. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of private remittances for investment in India received from each of the foreign countries during the year 1953-54 and so far in 1954-55;

(b) the purposes for which these investments were made; and