

†[SHRIMATI SAVITRY NIGAM: And I also came to know that in spite of representations made many a time sanction for using the coal was not granted so far. Will the Government throw light on this fact?]

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Yes, Sir. The hon. Member wrote a letter also to me on this and I have made enquiries. The position is this that there is coal dust lying there with that colliery but the Bokaro Project has its own colliery and the cost of that coal is cheaper than the controlled price of coal dust. Moreover the process of pulverisation includes powdering and crushing. The cost of bringing that coal is also there. So the price at which the coal would be available from that colliery does not make much difference in view of the fact that the coal that is obtained in the Bokaro Thermal Station from its own coal mines would be cheaper than the coal dust at controlled price. So this is being used.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Is it not a fact that Bokaro is using a very low grade of coal, viz., Grade II and no lower grade of coal than this can be used?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: The question relates to this—whether it would be economical to have the coal dust or to take the coal and break it.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: What is the grade of coal which you are using?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Low grade coal, of course.

DEVELOPMENT OF VIJAYAWADA RADIO STATION

*31. SHRI PRASADARAO: Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation regarding the development of Vijayawada Radio Station; and

†English translation.

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon by Government?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The existing stations at Hyderabad and Madras, which are being developed under the Five Year Plan, will be able to supplement Vijayawada considerably. Further steps to ensure adequate coverage of the Telugu-speaking areas are under examination.

SHRI PRASADARAO: What is the installed power of Vijayawada Station?

SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN: It is one kilowatt.

SHRI PRASADARAO: Is it a fact that most of its programmes are relayed from Madras?

SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN: They are not relayed. Madras also has a Telugu programme.

SHRI PRASADARAO: Is Telugu programme being relayed?

SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN: Yes, if necessity arises.

PROF. G. RANGA: Every day?

(No reply.)

*32. [For answer, vide columns 194-198 infra.]

*33. [For answer, vide column 199 infra.]

STORES DECLARED SURPLUS BY DEFENCE SERVICES

*34. SHRI SARDAR SINGH: Will the Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state what is the actual quantity, in tons, of stores declared surplus by the Defence Services during the last three years and what is the quantity disposed of by the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals during the same period?