

SHRI K. C. REDDY: That is not correct.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They seem to have all sorts of information about missing stocks.

SHRI K. C. REDDY: I am afraid, Sir, that is not quite correct information. If the hon. Member were to read the Directors' Report, the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account statement that I have placed in the Library, he would come to know what the position is.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: Is it a fact or not? That is what I want to know. I have gone through the report of the Directors. I want to know whether the fact that I have stated is correct or not.

SHRI K. C. REDDY: The fact, as he has stated, is not quite correct.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: What is the fact then? The hon. Minister said just now it is not quite correct. How far is it correct, we want to know.

SHRI K. C. REDDY: Well, there are certain shortages in stocks. They have yet to be explained. The Audit Report discloses certain shortage of stocks. It is not very unusual or unnatural to notice a difference in stocks in big companies like this which handle lakhs and lakhs of tons of coal or gypsum or other raw materials. A Committee has been set up by the company to go into this question and find out the real causes for such shortage. We are awaiting the report of that Committee and we will be perfectly ready to take the House into confidence and explain to them what it is all about, but in due course.

#### INTERFERENCE BY FRENCH AUTHORITIES IN INDIAN POST OFFICE AT MAHE

\*202. SHRI E. K. IMBICHIBAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the French authorities interfered in June

1953 with the routine work of the Indian Post Office at Mahe; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to stop the recurrence of such interference?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. K. CHANDA): (a) and (b). There was a minor incident on 18th June 1953, when two French police constables attempted to interfere in the work of a postman of the Indian post office at Mahe in the delivery of parcels. When this incident was brought to the notice of the French Administrator, Mahe, necessary instructions were issued by him to ensure against future interference of this nature.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Has there been any such interference before?

SHRI A. K. CHANDA: No, Sir.

#### COST OF DESIGNING THE POWER PLANT AT BOKARO

\*203. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of designing the power plant at Bokaro;

(b) whether the designs were checked before the plant was erected; and, if so, by whom; and

(c) whether any tenders were called and received before placing the orders for the erection of the plant?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) The cost is about \$ 800,000.

(b) Yes, Sir, the designs were checked by the Chief Electrical Engineer, Damodar Valley Corporation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

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