

Transportation of Coal by Railways

112. Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh review has been made in so far as the transportation of coal by Railways is concerned in the current year; and

(b) what tonnage of coal was carried by the railways during 1961-62 and what is the target fixed for 1962-63 after reviewing the position?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The transportation of coal by railways is constantly under review.

(b) The tonnage of coal carried by Railways in 1961-62 is not available yet. The target for loading of coal for the year 1962 has been fixed as under:

West Bengal & Bihar Coalfields:

Wagons Per day

(a) Steel	1400
(b) Dugda Washery	300
(c) Jamadoba Washery	150
(d) Other consumers	3646

Outlying Coalfields:

(a) Korea Rewa	530
(b) PENCH & Chanda	419
(c) Singareni	380
(d) Talcher	100

The target for other consumers from West Bengal and Bihar coalfields has been increased by 120 wagons per day from 1-7-1962.

Agricultural Production

113. { **Shri H. P. Chatterjee:**
Dr. Renen Sen:
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Shri Mohammad Tahir:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state the steps taken to verify the figures of

increased production claimed by the States under different agricultural schemes from year to year under the development plan?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): The State Governments first furnish estimates of inputs under the different production programmes on the basis of which, using the standard yardsticks, estimates of increased production are framed. Later, they furnish the estimates of agricultural production based on crop cutting experiments. To the extent the increased production is reflected in actual production, the latter serve as a check on the former.

Farakka Barrage

{ **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Dr. Renen Sen:
114. Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Shri Karjee:

Will the Minister of **Irrigation and Power** be pleased to state:

(a) the further progress that has been made with regard to construction of Farakka Barrage; and

(b) when this work is likely to be completed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) Tenders have been received for the construction equipment and orders will be placed within the next few months. Special Railway siding for the Project is under construction by the Railway authorities and plans for transport of the enormous quantum of construction materials by rail ropeway, road and river transport are under discussion. Quarry sites have been finalised, after detailed investigations, and plant lay-out is under preparation. Detailed designs of the Locks, the construction of which is contemplated in the next working season, are well under way.

(b) The work is scheduled to be completed by 1969-70.