

July 21, 1962. Government, which maintains a constant watch over the markets, does not intend to make a special probe only on the ground of the said decline in prices which was not due to irresponsible speculative activities. The markets have steadied since then and the index stood at 186.7 on August 4, 1962.

Sindri Fertilizer Factory

1257. Shri Tan Singh: Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manufacturers of gas generators for production of Ammonium Sulphate in the Sindri fertilizer unit, specially prescribed to provide for stand-by unit;

(b) whether Management of Sindri Fertilizers, in disregard to the advice of manufacturers, kept no stand-by unit simply to achieve the production target of 3,50,000 log tons per annum;

(c) whether it is fact that overstraining of generators as a result of continuous utilization resulted in a serious breakdown and the production dropped sharply by the end of 1959-60;

(d) whether Government have fixed responsibility of overstraining the generators on any person, if so, with what results; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) and (b). The consulting firm who had been engaged for the setting up of the Sindri Fertilizer Factory had intended that out of eight gas generators installed, one should be kept as a standby. In actual practice it was, however, found that the working of seven gas generators would not produce adequate gas for an annual production of 350,000 tons of ammonium sulphate which was the designed capacity.

(c) The set-back in production during the year 1959-60 was due to

the combined effect of improper coal supplies and the resultant poor grading of coke as well as the deterioration in the condition of the generators owing to constant operation during 1957-58 and 1959-60.

(d) & (e). In the interests of maintaining production, adequate maintenance of the equipment appears to have been overlooked by the Sindri management. Government have not considered the apportionment of responsibility. A technical committee enquired into the matter and, based on its report, the Board have been concentrating on improving maintenance and production.

कुल्लू और स्पिती का भूगर्भीय सर्वेक्षण

१२५८. श्री हेमराज : क्या खान और ईंधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कुल्लू और स्पिती घाटियों में खानों की खोज का कोई प्रोग्राम ज्योलोजिकल सर्वे ने बनाया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह काम कब तक आरम्भ होगा ?

खान और ईंधन मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री श्री हंजरनबोस : (क) इस क्षेत्र में भारतीय भूगर्भीय सर्वेक्षण विभाग प्रारम्भिक परीक्षण कर रहा है ।

(ख) अन्वेषण प्रगति पर है । इस क्षेत्र में कार्य का आगामी कार्यक्रम अब किये जा रहे अन्वेषणों के परिणाम पर निर्भर होगा ।

शिक्षा सम्बन्धी पर्यटन

१२५९. श्री हेमराज : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९६२-६३ में राज्य सरकारों को विद्यार्थियों के शिक्षा सम्बन्धी पर्यटनों के लिये कितनी धन राशि निर्धारित की गई है ;