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Summary:

Transcript of questions and answers between members of the Rajya Sabha and the Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs, Shri Surendra Pal Singh, on the government's reaction to the recent underground tests conducted by the U.K. and U.S.A. in Nevada.

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(a) and (c) There is no proposal/scheme at present for reducing the price of coal.]

Underground Nuclear Test by U.K. and U.S.A.

350. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state Government's reaction to the recent underground nuclear test jointly carried out by U.K. and U.S.A. in Nevada, U.S.A.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): The Government of India is opposed to all nuclear weapon tests conducted anywhere, in any environment and by any country. This position of principle adopted by the Government of India is well-known and has been reiterated several times.

Coking Coal Nationalisation Act

351. SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer the reply to Unstarred Question 1751 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st December, 1973 and state:

(a) the names of the taken over coking coal mines whose shareholders have made representations;

(b) the names of such mines in respect of which Bombay shareholders association has sent representations and the number of such other representations; and

(c) the loss of capital to each of the above mine as reported by their directors/ shareholders in each of the above cases during the year 1973-74?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) to (c) Under the Coking Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1972 the right, title and interest of owners of coking coal mines specified in the First Schedule of the Act vest absolutely in the Central Government free from all encumbrances. Under section 10 of the same Act, the owner of every coking coal mine or group of mines specified in the First Schedule shall be given in cash and in the manner specified

under section 21 an amount equal to the amount specified in the same Schedule. Under Section 23 of the same Act every person having a claim against the owner of the coking coal mine shall prefer such claim before the Commissioner of Payments within 30 days of the specified date. The shares held by individuals in any company have not vested in the Government. Government has no information about the loss of capital allegedly reported by directors or shareholders.

रक्षा मंत्रालय के अधीन भवनों का अधिग्रहण-मोचन

352. श्री बीरेन्द्र कुमार सखलेचा : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि-

(क) रक्षा मंत्रालय द्वारा बम्बई में कितने भवनों का अर्जन किया गया ;

(ख) उन्हें कब से अर्जित किया गया है और मंत्रालय द्वारा उनका उपयोग किम प्रयोजन के लिए किया जा रहा है ;

(ग) क्या गत दो वर्षों के दौरान बम्बई में उक्त भवनों का अधिग्रहण-मोचन किया गया था और यदि हाँ, तो इन भवनों का साधारणतः किस आधार पर अधिग्रहण-मोचन किया गया ;

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि इन जिन्हें 30 वर्ष पहले अर्जित किया गया था, अधिग्रहण-मोचन करने का निर्णय मंत्रालय द्वारा सामान्य नीति के रूप में किया गया है, और

(ङ) क्या जिन भवनों का अधिग्रहण-मोचन करने का प्रस्ताव है और जिनमें कार्यालय हैं एवं कर्मचारी रहते हैं उनके लिए मंत्रालय ने अपने निज के कार्यालय भवनों तथा आवासीय भवनों का निर्माण कर लिया है या करने का विचार है ?