

place present certain difficulties which inhibit the interest of entrepreneurs in this region.

(d) No such suggestion has come to notice.

(e) Does not arise.

**राज्य विधान मण्डलों तथा संसद के चुनावों पर खर्च**

270. श्री राम सहाय : क्या विधि तथा समाज कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्रमशः 1952, 1957, 1962 और 1967 में एक साथ राज्य विधान मण्डलों और संसद के जो चुनाव हुए थे उन पर कितना खर्च आया था ; और

(ख) 1971 के वर्ष में संसद के मध्यावधि चुनाव पर कितना खर्च आया ?

†[EXPENDITURE ON ELECTIONS TO STATE LEGISLATURE AND PARLIAMENT

270. SHRI RAM SAHAI : Will the Minister of LAW AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the expenditure incurred on the elections to the State legislatures and Parliament held simultaneously in the years 1952, 1957, 1962 and 1967 respectively ; and

(b) what was the expenditure incurred on the mid-term poll for Parliament held in the year 1971 ? ]

**विधि तथा न्याय मंत्री (श्री एच० आर० गोखले) :** (क) अपेक्षित जानकारी इस प्रकार है :—

**कुल व्यय**

1951-52 साधारण

निर्वाचन ... 10,45,47,099 रु०

1956-57 साधारण

निर्वाचन ... 5,90,21,786 रु०

1962 साधारण

निर्वाचन ... 7,31,58,000 रु०

1967 साधारण

निर्वाचन ... 10,95,33,772 रु०

(ख) जानकारी मंगायी जा रही है ।

†[THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE) : (a) The required information is as under :—

*Total Expenditure*

1951-52 General Elections .. Rs. 10,45,47,099

1956-57 General Elections .. Rs. 5,90,21,786

1962 General Elections .. Rs. 7,31,58,000

1967 General Elections .. Rs. 10,95,33,772

(b) The information is being collected.]

**SUPPLY OF COAL TO RAILWAYS**

271. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Western Railway recently curtailed several hundreds of passenger trains owing to serious coal shortage ;

(b) if so, the reasons for coal shortages with the Railway ; and

(c) the action taken for augmenting supply of coal for the Railway ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) and (b) Yes. The Western Railway had to curtail passenger and mixed trains numbering 191 on the less important branch line services in February, 1971. This was done to conserve coal, the supply of which was affected due to dislocation of coal supplies from Bengal and Bihar coalfields as a result of a sudden strike of railway staff in the Dhanbad Division of the Eastern Railway from 2.2.1971 to 11.2.1971.

(c) Action was taken to keep up maximum supply of loco coal to Western Railway and other Railways from the outlying fields during the strike. Loading of loco coal from Bengal and Bihar fields was also resumed as soon as the strike was over.