#### RISE IN RAH WAY EARNINGS

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# 848. SHR SFIARAM JAIPURIA : SHRI M. K. MOHTA :

Will the Minis ci- of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it s a fact that according to a mid-year review of railway performance, the r ihvay earnings so far in 1969 have c, .nsiderably gone up;
- (b) if so, what are the earnings during this period as compared to the corresponding period I 1st  $\,$  year;
- (c) whether it is a fact that with 1 lie rise in earnings no relief has been given to the users; md
- (d) if so, wha further passenger amenities are pro] osed to be provided in view of the rise i 1 revenue?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND SOCIAL WELF \*.RE AND RAILWAYS (SHRI P. GO/INDA MENON): (a) to (d) The gi oss earnings during the first six months of 1969-70 are about Rs. 26 crores more than the gross earnings for the 1 orresponding period for 1968-69, but this is only generally in line with incre. se of the Rs. 50 crores anticipated in tl e budget for this year.

There has af j been an increase in the working expe; ses. An increase of Rs. 32 crores in Ordinary Working Ex-pens s was a tticipated in the budget but there hav I been some new factors of increase like repair of flood and cyclone damage, increase in the price of coal etc. Ordinary Working Expenses in the first six months of 969-70 are already about Rs. 22 crores more than in the corresponding per od of 1968-69. No net earnings or surp ais more than was budgeted for the curren year can, therefore, be anticipated at present and the question of any relief *I* Railway users in fares and freights < r of more amenities does not, therefore arise.

### ENCOURA JEMENT TO SMALL INDUSTRIES

849. SHRI S. D. MISRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the del ids of the steps including grant of bank loans at concessional rates, taken to enc jurage small industry as announced b/ the Industries Minister

Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed on 16th September, 1969 at the meeting of the informal Consultative Committee for his Ministry; and

to Questions

(b) whether the scheme *u>* advance the entire cost of machinery required by small industrialists instead of asking the entrepreneur to pay 20 percent of the cost has been finalised and put into operation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED): (a) and (b) The steps mentioned at the Informal Consultative Committee Meeting held on the 10th September, 1969 are still under consideration of the Government of India.

## SUPPLY OP COOKING COAL TO STEEL PLANTS

### 850. SHRI Z. A. AHMED : SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that the steel plants under Hindustan Steel Ltd. are facing the problem of deteriorating quality of cooking coal supplied to them;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the supply of cooking coal is inadequate and irregular;and
- (c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government *to* ensure adequate supply of high quality cooking coal to the steel plants

THE MINISTER OF SPATE IN THE MINISTRY OF -STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRt^K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) At present supplies of coking coal to Hindustan Steel Plants are adequate in quantity. There have, however, been problems to ensure that the required qualities are maintained in the supply of the various types of coal.

(c) Government set up a Committee recently to study the problem of quality. This Committee has recommended join sampling of Coal. Action on the basis of this recommendation is being taken by Hindustan Steel in consultation with Government and in negotiation with the Coal producers.