

(b) if so, the different heads under which the savings have been effected ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA) : (a) and (b) On the cost of construction of township, Sir. The cost of construction of township of Heavy Engineering Corporation has been reduced from the earlier estimated cost of Rs. 36 crores to Rs. 20 crores, thus effecting a saving of Rs. 16 crores.

SUBSTITUTION OF IMPORTED OIL BY COAL

•595. SHRI BANSI LAL : Will the Minister of MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since considered the recommendation of World Bank Study Team regarding substitution of imported oil by coal; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND METALS (SHRI S. K. DEY) : (a) No such recommendation has been made by the World Bank Study Team.

(b) Does not arise.

SETTING UP OF COAL DUMPS AND SCHEME OF WHOLESALE DEALERS AT CONSUMPTION CENTRES

"596. SHRI SURJIT SINGH AIWAL: Will the Minister of MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the programme for setting up coal dumps has not made any progress;

(b) whether the World Bank Team had suggested a substitute scheme of wholesale dealers at the consumption centres; and

(c) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND METALS (SHRI S. K. DEY): (a) Due to certain difficulties such as inability of the State Governments to incur expenditure on development of dump sites and approach roads; increase in retail price of coal on account of terminal charges; and deterioration in quality on account of double handling and storage, the scheme of setting up of coal dumps has not made progress so far.

(b) The World Bank Study Team has suggested substitution of scheme of coal dumps by a system of wholesale dealers

(c) The suggestion is still under consideration.

OPTION OF PENSIONARY BENEFIT BY RAILWAYMEN

*597. SHRI T.V. ANANDAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal to extend another opportunity to railwaymen in the country to opt for pensionary benefits, is under Government's consideration; and

(b) if so, when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) : (a) An option to elect the pensionary benefits has been allowed as recently as 3-3-66 and the option can be exercised upto 30-6-66.

(b) Does not arise.

RETENTION OF INSPECTION CARS BY RAILWAY OFFICIALS WHILE PROCEEDING ON LEAVE FROM PLACE OF DUTY

♦598. SHRI A. C. GILBERT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that high Railway officials who are entitled to use inspection cars, go out on duty, proceed on leave from the place of duty and after expiry of leave join there and return in the same inspection car to their place of posting; and