

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: That might be their effort, but we will be guided by our efficiency considerations.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, what grade of coal the Railways wish to use, because high grade coal is required for other purposes and they do not intend to use low grade coal?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: If we start using lower grade coal, engines will not move. Scheduled loads, non I.R.S. engines. We have prescribed certain categories. For mail and express trains we use selected grade 'A' coal, for passenger and through goods services worked by selected grade 'B' coal and for all other purposes grade I.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: May I ask the hon. Minister if the Railways are undertaking any research on the briquetting of lower grade coal, so that it becomes available and useful as high grade coal for the Railways?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: we shall take this into consideration.

INDUSTRIAL AID FROM U.K.

*356. SHRI U. S. DUGAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. C. R. Wheeler had talks with him on the 20th October, 1964 regarding industrial aid from U.K.; and

(b) if so, what was the outcome of the talks?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY ENGINEERING AND INDUSTRY IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI T. N. SINGH): (a) and (b) It is a fact that Mr. C. R. Wheeler met the Minister for Indus-

try recently. No specific issue regarding industrial aid from U.K. was discussed in this meeting.

SHRI A. D. MANI: May I ask the Minister what was discussed by him?

SHRI T. N. SINGH: Mr. C. R. Wheeler is the Chairman of the AJEI, with whom we have collaboration arrangements regarding the Heavy Electricals plant at Bhopal. He came here to discuss problems of production at Bhopal.

SHRI AKBAR ALI KHAN: Did you discuss the other electrical projects—such as the one at Hardwar and others?

SHRI T. N. SINGH: No, Sir. The Hardwar project is in collaboration with the Russians and there was no need for discussing that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You mean you did not discuss anything in the matter. Next question.

*357. [The questioner (Shri Surjit Singh Atwal) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 2284-85 infra].

*358. [The questioner (Shri Jagat Varain) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 2285-86 infra].

PAY SCALES OF STENOGRAPHERS

SHRI D. THENGARI: SHRI G. K. KAPOOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(i) whether it is a fact that despite the recommendations of the Second Pay Commission for determining the pay scales of stenographers on the status of the officers with whom they work, their pay scales in the Ministry and its subordinate offices, have been determined on the basis of the status of the offices where they work; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri D. Thengari.