

Pradesh during the past ten years; and

(b) if none have been started as yet, whether Government have found out the reasons for the enormous delay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA):

(a) None, Sir.

(b) Two licences for cement units in Cuddapah District were issued and one application for licence is now under consideration. Some applications were rejected either on grounds of inadequate transport facilities or because the applicants proposed the setting up of vertical shaft kilns.

Of the two licences issued, one was surrendered on the ground that the licensee was engaged in implementing other cement schemes in the country. The second scheme has not made much progress and the licence may have to be revoked.

CONDUCTOR GUARDS IN BILASPUR-INDORE EXPRESS TRAINS

***399. SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision for Conductor Guards in Bilaspur-Indore express trains between Jabalpur and Bhopal on the Central Railway; and

(b) if so, when it is to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

STRIKE BY AMERICAN EXPERTS AT DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

***400. SHRI ARJUN ARORA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether American experts at the Diesel Locomotive Works at Manduadih in Varanasi District resorted to strike in August this year; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. They had however stayed away from work on 10th August, 1964 following interrogation by Customs authorities.

REVISED PRODUCTION TARGET OF COAL

***401. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the latest revised grade-wise and fieldwise targets of production of coal during the Third Plan; and

(b) the reasons for several changes made in the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY):

(a) Against the Third Plan target of coal production which was originally fixed at 97 million tons (98.5 million tonnes) the expectation now is that the total production, commensurate with the actual demand, will be about 74.5 million tonnes. A statement is separately laid on the Table of the House giving the latest assessment about expected grade-wise and field-wise production by 1965-66.

(b) The reason for the revision of the production schedule is the general fall in the demand for coal.