

INCREASE in RAILWAY FREIGHT ON COAL

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509. J SARDAR RAGHBIR SINGH [PANJHAZARI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be please^ to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the effect of increase in Rail way freight on coal over long distances on industrial development of States which are far away from the coal-fields of Bihar and Bengal; and

(b) whether Government are considering any proposal to subsidise the freight for industries of strategic importance located at distant places?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI N. KANUNGO): (a) The increase in the cost of production as a result of the increase in the freight will in most cases be negligible.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration.

CENTRAL HEALTH SERVICE.

*511. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 552 in the R^jya Sabha on the 18th December, 1963 and state:

(a) whether the Central Health Service has since been constituted; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (DR. D. S. RAJU): (a) Not yet.

(b) The initial constitution of the service will cover the selection of about 1,500 officers. The meetings of

the Selection Committees presided over by a member of the Union Public Service Commission to determine the suitability of departmental candidates for appointment to the different categories of the Central Health Service have yet to be convened.

STATEMENT OF THE BIHAR CHIEF MINISTER

*514. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement made by the Chief Minister of Bihar on the 7th February, 1964 to the effect that the State has been caught in a serious circle of financial stringency and stagnant under developed economy and that "several important irrigation and flood control schemes" are suffering for want of funds;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Bihar have approached the Central Government for emergent financial help; and

(c) what is the reaction Of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) Government have no information other than the newspaper reports.

(b) Apart from proposals for increased Plan allocations, no specific request for emergent financial help has been received.

(c) Does not arise.

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