

(c) on how many occasions the retention price of steel has been increased since the beginning of the First Five Year Plan; and

(d) the additional annual resources made available to the producers of steel in the private sector by these increases each time?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND FUEL (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The claims are under examination.

(c) On seven occasions.

(d) Increases in the retention prices are given on the basis of cost examination and represent increases in manufacturing cost. No additional resources are given to the companies by these increases.

DEATH OF A HUNGER STRIKER IN AGARTALA

♦537. SHRI S. K. LIMA YE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 124 in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 1960 and state:

(a) whether an enquiry has been made into the circumstances in which the death of Shri Biswamber Namdas occurred; and

(b) whether any financial assistance has been given or is proposed to be given to the family of the deceased?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT): (a) The circumstances in which Shri Namdas expired did not call for any formal enquiry. The *post-mortem* report indicated that death was due to cardiac failure as a result of undernutrition caused by sudden and continuous withdrawal of food in old age. As usual, an inquest was also held by the Sub-Division*! Magistrate,

Sadar Sub-division. His finding confirmed the *post-mortem* report.

(b) No financial assistance has been given nor is any proposal of this nature under the consideration of Government.

LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR NOTORIOUS DACOIT TAHSILDAR SINGH

*538. SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether the sentence of notorious dacoit Tahsildar Singh who was sentenced to death has been reduced to that of life imprisonment?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GOVIND BALLABH PANT) : Yes.

COLLECTIONS BROUGHT BY DR. RAGHU VIRA FROM HIS TOUR ABROAD

*539. SHRI P. RAMAMURTI: Will the Minister of SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the books, manuscripts, banners, paintings, etc. brought by Dr. Raghu Vira from his tour of China and Mongolia have been received from him and made available in the National Museum;

(b) what are the particulars of the articles so far received;

(c) what efforts have been made in getting the remaining articles; and

(d) what are the reasons for the delay in recovering all those collections?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR) : (a) Not yet, Sir. So far only three sets of microfilms have been delivered by Dr. Raghu Vira. These are available in the National Museum and are accessible to scholars for study.