

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

Public Service Commission for Recruitment to Public Undertakings

*586. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi**: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken to set up a separate Public Service Commission for recruitment to various posts in the public undertakings as recommended by the Estimates Committee; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) and (b). No; Government are not in favour of setting up a Public Service Commission for recruitment to posts in the public undertakings.

Foreign Exchange Credit for Extension of Collieries

*591. **Shri Kolla Venkaiah**: Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the foreign exchange credit provided to individual colliery owners for extension of collieries to increase their production during 1961-62 and 1962-63; and

(b) the exchange credit utilised?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) The World Bank has offered a loan of 35 million dollars (about Rs. 17 crores) to the Government of India to meet the foreign exchange requirements of the private collieries during the III Plan. Of this amount 30 million dollars can be drawn upto 31st July, 1963 and the remaining 5 million dollars upto 30th September, 1965.

(b) So far, 4288 import licence applications valued at about Rs. 12.7 crores have been received. Out of these, licences have been issued for 1773 applications valued at about Rs. 2.9 crores. The remaining applications are under scrutiny. Actual draws

from the loan account will, however, start only after the machinery and equipment have been imported.

Fire in Jogta Colliery

*592. { **Shri Indrajit Gupta**;
Shri S. M. Banerjee;
Dr. U. Misra;
Shri Raghunath Singh;
Shri P. K. Deo;

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the underground fire in the Jogta colliery in the Jharia coal fields has again come to the surface;

(b) if so, steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether transshipment of coal has stopped because of this fire?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes; Sir; The old fire in XIIIth and XIVth seams in Jogta colliery came to the surface on 12.7.1962 while protective measures were in progress.

(b) Blanketing with sand and earth is being carried out in order to arrest the spread of the fire.

(c) Production of coal and its movement from the pits-head has not stopped completely as work is continuing in other seams, namely seams X and XI which have not been affected by fire.

Manganese Ore Mines in Goa

*593. **Shri Nath Pai**: Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Manganese ore mines in Goa have been experiencing shortage of electric power;

(b) whether Government have also taken note of the fact that large sums of money are spent by manganese mine-owners for acquisition of the mines and preliminary prospecting work; and