

in this coalfield from 16th to 27th June, 1977.

The estimated net loss during the nine effective working days of the strike was about Rs. 1 lakh per day.

(c) to (e). The strike was called off on 27th June, 1977 after an agreement was reached between the management and the representatives of the Samyukhta Khadan Mazdoor Sangh (AITUC). The demands of the workers would be dealt with, in accordance with the terms of this settlement.

**Publication 'Victory of Indira' by
Amrita Bazar Patrika Group**

3456. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Amrita Bazar Patrika Group had taken out a publication titled 'Victory of Indira';

(b) if so, whether the DAVP had given advertisements; and

(c) if so, of what value and whether publication has been taken out at all and whether the advertisements have been given and payments made for the same?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c). It is not within the knowledge of the Government if such a publication was brought out by Amrita Bazar Patrika Group. In any case, D.A.V.P. did not give any advertisement to it.

Pension to Freedom Fighters

3457. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news appeared in Times of India on 27th June, stating that the Prime Minister is against the scheme

of political pension to freedom fighters; and

(b) whether the Government will explain in this context how this position would affect the freedom fighters pension which is already granted and the cases which are pending decision?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). The Freedom Fighters' Pension Scheme is under review and no final decision has yet been taken.

**News Item "All was ready for J.P.'s
Cremation"**

3458. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:
SHRI MRITUNJAY PRASAD
VERMA:
SHRI RAGHAVJI:
SHRI S. KUNDU:
SHRI CHANDRADEO
VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news published in 'Hindustan Times', New Delhi dated the 28th June, 1977, under the caption "All was ready for JP's cremation";

(b) if so, the detailed facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Government of Bihar have intimated that since the health of Shri Jayaprakash Narayan