

(d) The Government is already taking steps to prevent deaths due to septic abortion by improving the medical facilities in hospitals and Primary Health Centres, as well as providing training to doctors, and equipment to sub-divisional hospitals and Primary Health Centres so as to increase the availability and improve the quality of services in the interior areas to enable women seeking abortion care, according to the law, to avail of services of competent and qualified doctors.

### Coal Pile up at Pit Heads

2898. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that railway wagon shortage, of various dimensions, has become a regular feature in recent years;

(b) whether Government are also aware about the facts that apart from the piling up of coal at the pit heads resulting in serious power crisis, the steep price rise of essential commodities like foodgrains, kerosene, diesel, etc. following sudden scarcity, obviously man-made, tend to get explained in terms of wagons unavailability; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There have been some complaints about shortage of wagons due to their higher turn round. This feature has been caused by various factors many of which have been beyond the control of railways.

(b) and (c). During the period January to May, stock of coal at Pit Heads has generally been at the same level or lesser than corresponding months of the previous year. Conscious of the likely impact of shortfall in rail transport, railways have been selectively catering to increased movement of coal to power houses, foodgrains and petroleum products.

### Amount given to Orissa from Beedi Workers' Welfare Fund

2899. SHRI CHINTAMANJ PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount was given to Orissa from the Central Beedi Workers' Welfare Fund for the Welfare of Beedi workers in 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80; and

(b) if so, the amounts allotted respectively and in which place in Orissa these funds were utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH): (a) Yes Sir. Some welfare activities have been financed in Orissa State during these years from the Beedi Workers' Welfare Fund.

(b) The actual amounts spent during the years were as follows:

1977-78	Rs. 26,710
1978-79	Rs. 2,24,476
1979-80	Rs. 3,38,868

Medical dispensaries for beedi workers have been established at Bhubaneswar, Sambalpur, Balasore, Bramabarda, Angul, Gholpur, Baideshwar and Bājñari. In addition, a sum of Rs. 76,800 was disbursed as educational scholarships to the dependents of beedi workers and Rs. 1,15,560 as loan/subsidy for improvement/construction of self owned houses.

### Railway Employees Transferred without Accommodation Facilities

2900. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 1000 railway employees of Surendranagar were on strike against transfer to Hapa without providing requisite accommodation facilities there;