

in progress it is not possible at this stage to formulate concrete proposals for exploitation.

Pay Scale of Railway Clerks

2381. Shri Onkar Lal Berwa: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to revise the Pay Scale of Clerks Grade I on the Indian Railways from Rs. 130—300 to Rs. 210—425; and

(b) if so, by which date it will be finalised?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Boiler Maker Chargemen

2382. { Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Dinan Bhattacharya:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any reduction in the number of posts in the categories of Divisional Boiler Maker Chargemen and 'A' grade Boiler Maker Chargemen in the Loco shed at Narkeldanga on the Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, whether any evaluation was made of the personnel requirements in this shed on the basis of the actual work-load; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes; in the case of the category of Divisional Boiler Maker Chargemen only.

(b) Yes.

(c) Out of one post of Divisional Boiler Maker Chargeman in scale Rs. 370—475 and one post of Boiler Maker Chargeman grade 'A' in scale Rs. 335—425, the post of

Divisional Boiler Maker Chargeman in scale Rs. 370—475 has been surrendered due to reduction in the number of engines as a result of Electrification.

Small-Scale Industries in Punjab

2383. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Small-Scale Industries in Punjab have been hit hard by the ban imposed on the import of rolled and nickel anodes and if so, which industries have been affected by it;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the Small Scale Units from Punjab in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) to (c). Import of Rolled Nickel Anodes was banned during the current year having regard to the fact that indigenous manufacture of this item has started. Representations have been received from Small Scale Electroplaters in Punjab consequent on the ban. Cycle Assemblers, Cycle and Sewing Machine Parts Manufacturers and other Light Engineering Industries requiring Nickel Anodes for electroplating purposes are reported to have been affected by the ban on the import of Nickel Anodes. The various representations are under examination in consultation with the technical authorities concerned.

Prospecting in Narsinghpur District in M. P.

2384. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Will the Minister of Steel and Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has recommended that the area around the coalfield at Mohpani, Narsinghpur District in Madhya Pra-