

million tonnes as compared to 4.47 million tonnes on 1-12-1963. The increase is only of the order of 0.32 million tonnes.

(b) With a view to reducing the accumulation of pithead stocks, Government have taken several measures such as:

- (i) relaxation of distribution control over lower grades of coal and soft coke;
- (ii) liberalisation of licensing policy with regard to opening of brick kilns and soft coke depots;
- (iii) advising the State Governments to encourage the growth of coal-based industries and to restrict the use of fire-wood and charcoal in industrial furnaces; and
- (iv) permitting consumers to draw supplies of coal irrespective of their quotas.

Durgapur Steel Project

*53. { Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Maheswar Naik:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Britain has agreed to advance a loan to India for expansion of the production capacity of the Durgapur Steel Project;

(b) if so, the total amount of loan; and

(c) the terms on which this will be made available?

The Minister of Steel and Mines (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) to (c). The UK Government have agreed in principle to provide necessary assistance to meet the foreign exchange cost of expansion of the Durgapur Steel Plant during the Fourth Plan period. The amount of the credit and

the terms and conditions have not yet been settled.

Industrial Estates in Kerala

*54. { Shri A. V. Raghavan:
Shri Pottakkatt:

Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to start three private Industrial Estates in Kerala;

(b) if so, whether the L.I.C. has agreed to provide loan assistance to this scheme;

(c) the number of proposals received from intending entrepreneurs to establish these units; and

(d) where these units will be located?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) to (d). The information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House

Train Disaster at Dhanushkodi

{ Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Jagdev Singh
Siddhanti:
Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Eswara Reddy:
Shri J. B. Singh:
Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
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