

Grievances of N.C.D.C. Employees

- *635. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:**
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Kishen Pattanayak:
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Shri Bagri:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Dr. Ranen Sen:

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

(a) whether he is aware of the accumulating grievances of the employees of the National Coal Development Corporation Ltd., in Ranchi;

(b) whether it is a fact that his recent visit to Ranchi aggravated the situation; and

(c) if so, the steps, if any, contemplated in this regard?

The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) A Memorandum containing the grievances has been received.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Comments of the Managing Director, National Coal Development Corporation were called for on the various points raised. These have since been scrutinized in the Ministry and a good number of points have been disposed of. Remaining points are being examined further.

**Office of Coal Superintendent,
Dhanbad**

*637. **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:**
 Will the Minister of Mines and Metals be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 270 on the 1st March, 1966 and state:

(a) whether action has been taken against the Loading Inspector of the Office of the Coal Superintendent, Dhanbad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) and (b). The Central Bureau of Investigation report has been forwarded to Coal Controller, Calcutta for taking appropriate action against the Loading Inspector. The Coal Controller has issued a show cause notice to the Loading Inspector (Shri A. K. Samanta) to explain why disciplinary action should not be taken against him. The explanation has been received and is under consideration in the Office of the Coal Controller, Calcutta.

(c) Does not arise.

Accumulation of stock of Iron and Steel at Bhilai and Durgapur Plants

*638. **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:**
 Will the Minister of Iron and Steel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge stock of Iron and Steel has accumulated at Bhilai and Durgapur Plants and has been creating serious problems of storage; and

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

The Minister of Iron and Steel (Shri T. N. Singh): (a) and (b). The stock position of iron and steel materials at Bhilai and Durgapur Steel Plants is as given below:—

Items	Bhilai	Durgapur
	(as on 10-3-66)	(as on 12-3-66)
	(in tonnes)	
Pig Iron	43,100	3,000
Steel ingots	76,730	1,19,300
Finished goods	21,600	14,270
Wheel sets	..	200 Nos.

These stocks are not considered abnormal except of steel ingots at Durgapur which is stated to have ac-