

Wage Board for Railwaymen

*220. **Shri Bameshwar Tantia:**
Shri Himatsingka:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Narayan Reddy:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Balmiki:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri Kishen Pattmayak:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
Shri Bagri:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether railwaymen have requested Government for the setting up of a wage board for them;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) when the wage board is likely to be set up; and

(d) if a wage board is not to be set up the reasons for the same?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Pay scales of Railway employees are based on recommendations of successive Pay Commissions which went into the pay structure and conditions of service of Central Government servants as a whole. The Government do not considered it necessary to set up a separate Wage Board for Railwaymen.

ट्रैक्टरों का मूल्य

* 221. श्री डा० ना० तिवारी :
 श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरवा :
 श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :
 श्री व० तेवर :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राज्य व्यापार निगम ने इस से प्रायातित ट्रैक्टरों की कीमतें काफी बढ़ा दी हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या मूल्य में हुई इस वृद्धि का देश के खाद्य उत्पादन पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव नहीं पड़ेगा ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री मनुभाई शाह) :

(क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) तथा (ग). प्रश्न ही नहीं उठते ।

Use of Soft Coke

*222. **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Lahtan Chaudhry:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

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

(a) whether the Energy Survey Committee and the National Council of Applied Economic Research recommended that soft coke is a cheap commercial substitute and in view of abundant reserves of these grades of coal which go in the making of soft coke, it would prove the major source for domestic energy;

(b) if so, the steps taken to popularise the use of soft coke; and

(c) whether inexpensive and regular movement from the concentrated sources of supply to the consuming centres is contemplated?

The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) The Energy Survey Committee and the National Council of Applied Economic Research have not stated in specific terms that soft coke is a cheap commercial fuel. It has been recommended that non-commercial fuel may be substituted by soft coke as domestic fuel.

(b) Relaxation of control on the distribution of soft coke, liberalisation of licencing policy for opening of