

The list of commodities brought under supervision of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies is constantly under review and is being enlarged by addition of more commodities as and when necessary. To improve distribution of essential commodities at reasonable rates, it is proposed to open more Consumer Cooperative Stores, including Department stores and strengthen the existing ones in various States. Two department stores have already started functioning in Delhi.

(d) Available information is given in the Statement laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-6929/66*].

Dismantling of the Railway between Godhra and Lunavada

*715. **Shri U. M. Trivedi:**
Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavaia:
Shri Yudhvir Singh:
Shri Bade:
Shri Tridib Kumar Chau-
dhuri:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to dismantle the Godhra-Lunavada section of the Western Railway;

(b) whether the views of the Taluka Panchayats and other local authorities have been taken into consideration; and

(c) whether strong representations against the proposal from Lunavada, Dohad, Godhra, Jhalod and Sehra Talukas have been received against this step?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Sham Nath):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A number of representations from the people of the area, against the reported proposal of dismantling of the Godhra-Lunavada N.G. section, have been received, but there is no

intention at present to dismantle this section.

Allocation for Coal Mines in Assam

*716. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coal Controller has, at a recent meeting called for fixing the allocation for the coal mines in Assam, cut their allocations drastically;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how the allocations now fixed compare with the actual production of the different mines during the past three years?

The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) and (b). At a meeting held at Shillong on 23-4-1966, Coal Controller reviewed, in consultation with the State Government and the various producing units, the allocation to various collieries. The existing allocations were revised keeping in view the trend of demand and the need to avoid imbalance in the off-take of coal.

(c) A statement showing the actual production of coal by the different collieries in Assam for the past three years and their allocations in 1966 is laid on the table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-6930/66*].

Retrenchment of Bhilai Steel Plant Engineers

*717. **Shri Madhu Limaye:**
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shri Kishen Pattnayak:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lobia:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 19 engineers have recently been retrenched at Bhilai and that they have been declared below average and as such unfit for service;