

Option for Pakistan by Government Servants

*359. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the question of the recognition of the *de-facto* options of Union Government employees who opted for Pakistan (final) and could not leave India, is under the consideration of the Government of India; and

(b) if so, when a final decision is likely to be arrived at?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) and (b) A decision has been taken to regularise the position of the employees in question and orders were issued on the 5th July, 1957. A copy of the orders is placed on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure No 106]

Kargali and Jarangdih Collieries

*360. **Shri Matin:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state

(a) the date of discontinuance of the Kargali and Jarangdih Colliery shafts in the District of Hazaribagh, and

(b) the total cost incurred so far on maintaining the shafts and keeping them dry?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) The Jarangdih Shafts were abandoned in 1936. The Kargali Shafts have not been discontinued permanently.

(b) No cost has been incurred on maintaining the Shafts or keeping them dry.

Demurrage

*361. **Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to lay a statement showing.

(a) how much by way of demurrage has been paid owing to delay

in unloading of goods imported on State account from abroad since the beginning of 1957;

(b) in what currency or currencies the demurrage has been paid; and

(c) whether there has been any delay in unloading of goods meant for the Bhilai Steel Plant?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. E. Bhagat): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha as early as possible.

(c) Yes

Higher Technological Institutes

*362. { Shri Ganpati Ram:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shri T. E. Vittal Rao:

Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state

(a) Whether it is a fact that Madras and Kanpur have been finally selected for the Southern and Northern Higher Technological Institutes,

(b) if so, what provision of money has been made for each of them;

(c) whether Government propose to establish more such technological institutes in other parts of the country in the near future, and

(d) if so how many and at what places?

The Deputy Minister of Education and Scientific Research (Shri M. M. Das): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) A sum of Rs. 2 crores has been provided for each institute during the Plan period.

(c) and (d) The scheme is to establish four higher technological institutes, one in each region. The Institute in the Eastern region has already been established in Kharagpur. The Western Institute is in the course of