

Ministries/Departments/Public Sector Undertakings, etc.

(d) No, Sir.

**Non-Supply of Coal to Industries**

\*458. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to non-supply of coal to industries, lakhs of workers are facing either lay off or retrenchment; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) Under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, an employer of an industrial establishment who seeks to retrench workmen must serve notice on the appropriate Government. Further, an employer in respect of a factory, mine or plantation employing more than 100 workmen must obtain permission from the appropriate Government for retrenching workmen or laying them off. No such notice or application seeking permission to retrench or lay-off workmen on account of shortage of coal has been received in so far as the Central sphere under the Industrial Disputes Act is concerned. State Governments have not also brought to our notice any such instance of lay-off or retrenchment. The Government of Tamil Nadu have reported a case of lock-out in a factory in Tamil Nadu due inter-alia to shortage of Coal. The Department of coal has issued instruction to the Coal India Ltd. to augment supply of coal to industries which may be facing difficulty in this regard

**Mass Rapid Transit System in Delhi**

\*459. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the year in which the proposal for having a Mass Rapid Transit System in Delhi was first considered by the Government;

(b) the institutions/expert committees/departments which considered the matter and recommended the feasibility of the system;

(c) the dates when the recommendations were so submitted and the details of the proposals with their estimates;

(d) whether the Rail India Technical & Economic Services have also submitted a report in this regard;

(e) if so, what are their main recommendations; and

(f) the details of the cost escalation of such Mass Rapid Transit System since the first estimates were made ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) to (f) Since 1971 several studies have been conducted to assess the projected traffic in Delhi and the requirements for Mass Transportation. The first Techno-Economic Feasibility Study in this regard was entrusted to M/s. Rail India Technical and Economic Services Ltd. in April, 1989. The Report was submitted by TIES in July, 1990.