

**Coal Price Agreement Between Coal Industry & Railway Board**

127. SHRI K. HALDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price agreement between the coal industry and the Railway Board is due to expire towards the end of March, 1968;.

(b) whether Government are taking any steps to avoid the repetition of the coal price war which occurred in September last; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). Coal tender for the requirement of coal during the period 1-4-68 to 31-3-69 has already been floated. It is expected that the Coal Industry will quote reasonable prices for the supply of coal thereby permitting the Railways to get the coal supplies against their requirement.

**New Collieries**

128. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new collieries were brought on revenue account in 1966-67;

(b) the profit and loss account of the National Coal Development Corporation during 1966-67 as compared to the previous year; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred on stores, spares and foodgrains during 1966-67 and how it compares with that incurred during the 1965-66?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Three Collieries viz., Argada, Duman Hill and Jamuna were brought on the revenue account during 1966-67.

(b) The National Coal Development Corporation have suffered a loss of about Rs. 1.58 crores during the year

1966-67 against a profit of about Rs. 62 lakhs during 1965-66.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Cost of Production of Cars**

129. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the cost of production of (i) Hindustan Ambassador Car, (ii) Fiat Car, (iii) Standard 10 H.P., (iv) Bajaj Tempo, (v) Tata Mercedes Benz Truck, (vi) Bedford Truck, (vii) Dodge Truck and (viii) Leyland as on the 1st July, 1967 and their ex-factory sale price?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED): Information regarding the cost of production of various makes of motor vehicles as on 1st July, 1967 is not available. The ex-factory retail selling prices of the various vehicles as on 1st July, 1967, were as shown below:

	Rs.
1. Hindustan Ambassador Car . . . . .	14,895
2. Fiat Car . . . . .	13,570
3. Standard 10 H.P. . . . .	13,257
4. Bajaj Tempo Chassis . . . . .	7,704
5. Tata Mercedes Benz Truck . . . . . (Chassis L 312/42-165")	35,164
6. Bedford Truck Chassis 167" . . . . .	31,471
7. Dodge Truck Chassis 165" . . . . .	34,018
8. Leyland Chassis 163" . . . . .	44,488

The above prices are exclusive of excise duty and the surcharge thereon payable on complete vehicles.

**Passenger Amenities on the Sealdah Div. of the Eastern Railway**

131. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted for improvement of passenger amenities on the Sealdah Division of the South Section of the Eastern Railway, Station-wise, (excluding Sealdah South Station and