

- (vi) Efforts are being made for reducing the non-operational administration expenses. The financial results of April and May 1985 indicate substantial reduction of losses from the average monthly losses during 84 85.

**Utilisation of inoperative deposits of customers lying in nationalised and scheduled banks**

738. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of deposits lying such accounts of the customers in nationalised scheduled banks as have been inoperative for a long period;

(b) whether Government have decided to utilise this amount for development works in the country; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) The amount of Deposits lying in inoperative accounts of the customers in scheduled banks (including nationalised banks) as at 31.12.1983 was Rs 3563.41 lakhs.

(b) and (c) The balances held in inoperative accounts form part of overall deposit resources of Banks and hence the question of their separate utilisation for development work in the country does not arise.

[English]

**Meeting of West Bengal Industry Minister with Minister of Finance**

739. SHRI R.P. DAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether an-all party delegation of MLAs of West Bengal headed by the West Bengal Industry Minister met him recently in New Delhi ;

(b) whether they held discussion with him and handed over a memorandum ;

(c) if so, the salient features of the said memorandum ; and

(d) steps so far taken by him thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Salient features of the Memorandum include the role to be played by Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI), banks and financial institutions in revival of sick and closed units, review of policy on protection of dues in the case of nationalisation of an industrial unit, reconsideration of freight equalisation policy, crisis in railway wagon industry, nationalisation of jute industry and revival of textile units, reopening of closed tea gardens in Darjeeling, modernisation and expansion of Durgapur Steel Plant, etc.

(d) As the points raised in the Memorandum concern various Ministries/Organisations, the contents of the Memorandum have been circulated to the concerned Ministries/Organisations for due examination and necessary action.

**Steps to Improve Quality Coal supplied to Talcher Fertiliser Plant**

740. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item in the 'Telegraph' of 16 June, 1985 wherein it has been stated that the production in the Talcher Fertiliser Plant is likely to be affected if steps are not taken to improve the quality of coal being supplied by the Central Coalfields Limited ;

(b) whether quality of coal is expected to deteriorate further after one or