

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The proposal for opening of a halt station at Shaheed Suraj between Sakri and Tarsarai stations has been examined but not found financially justified.

[English]

**Pension to Employees of Neyveli Lignite Corporation**

7985. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of former employees of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation have sought pension from Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). As per provisions of the liberalised pensionary benefits, announced by the Government in 1967, such of the Central Government employees, who got absorbed in Central Public Sector Undertakings after 16.6.1967, became eligible to prorata pension and gratuity for the period of their service under the Central Government. The Scheme does not, however, provide relief to such employees who were absorbed in Central PSUs before 16.6.1967. There are in all 46 such employees who were absorbed by the NLC on different dates much before the aforesaid date of 16.6.1967. As such, they are not entitled to liberalised pensionary benefits. Some of these employees had represented

to the Central Government for extension of the aforesaid benefits to them as well. Their cases were examined by the Central Government, in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, and were found unacceptable. This has been communicated to the Neyveli Lignite Corporation.

[Translation]

**Expenditure on Beautification of Heavy Engineering Corporation Colony, Ranchi**

7986. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi has recently spent considerable amount on the beautification of Heavy Engineering Corporation colony and the installation of statue of Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru opposite FFP gate; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b). Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd. have recently not spent any amount on beautification of its colony. They have, however, incurred an expenditure amounting to about Rs. 21 lakhs on the installation of the statue of Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru in front of Foundry Forge Plant Main Gate including development of the area and the Park.

**Cement Research Institute**

7987. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Anusandhan Adhikari Ki Manmani" appearing in the 'Sunday Observer' dated 4 March, 1990;