

Bonus to Colliery Workers

791. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1690 on the 28th August, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the results of the pilot inquiry at Jharia Coalfields have been analysed; and

(b) if so, at what stage is the question of paying bonus to the colliery workers?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Yes.

(b) On the basis of the results of the pilot survey all details in respect of the main survey were finalised. The main survey was launched on the 7th September 1959. Non-maintenance of proper and complete records by the employers and difficulties of movement in the coalfields are impeding the progress of the survey. Every effort is however being made to make available the results of the survey by February, 1960. It will then be examined whether weekly/monthly payment of bonus to coal miners will be better than the present quarterly payment.

Loans to Displaced Persons

792. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to remit displaced persons' loans and convert them into grants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation (Shri P. S. Naskar): (a) There is no such proposal at present. In the past however certain small loans and food loans were remitted by converting them into grants.

(b) Does not arise.

Machinery Manufacturing Plant at Durgapur

793. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 275 on the 6th August, 1959 and state the progress made so far in setting up a plant to manufacture cement machinery, mining machinery, water tube boilers and pressure vessels at Durgapur?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): The Company has started construction of quarters. Arrangements have also been made for the supply of water and power. The import of capital equipment is being arranged by the Company.

Employees' State Insurance Scheme

794. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Kunhan:
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1050 on the 1st September, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the one-Man Committee appointed to review the working of the Employees' State Insurance Scheme has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the main findings thereof; and

(c) the action taken to implement them?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) to (c). The report has not yet been submitted to Government.

U.S. Trade Mission

795. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question