

pleased to state :

(a) whether at present raw materials are being supplied to the Moulding Shop of Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi by local petty contractors ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL & MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b). Raw materials for Moulding Shop are being procured from twelve firms including two local ones. Orders for supplies have been given to the firms based on their capacity, suitability of delivery dates and competitive quotations.

**Implementation of Employees Family Pension Scheme, 1971**

4291. SHRI S M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Employees Family Pension Scheme 1971 has been implemented in all States ;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(c) the names of the States who have not implemented the Scheme ; and

(d) the names of the Industries which have implemented the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R K. KHADILKAR) : (a) to (d). The Employees' Family Pension Scheme, 1971 has been framed under Section 6 (A) of the Employees' Provident Funds and Family Pension Fund Act, 1952 which extends to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir. This Scheme has been brought into force from 1-3-71 and it is applicable to the employees of factories and other establishments to which the said Act applies, provided they are members of the Employees' Provident Fund or of Provident Funds exempted under Section 17 of the Act.

**कोयला खानों के कर्मचारियों के लिए कल्याण कार्य**

4292. श्री हामोदर पांडे : क्या अम और पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कोयला खान कल्याण संगठन में वित्तीय संकट होने के कारण कोयला खानों के कर्मचारियों के लिए किए जा रहे कल्याण-कार्यों में काफ़ी कटौती कर दी गई है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उक्त संगठन की वित्तीय स्थिति में सुधार करने हेतु सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

अम और पुनर्वास मंत्री (श्री अर० के० खाडिलकर) : (क) कोयला खान श्रमिक कल्याण निधि के सामान्य कल्याण लेखे में कमी के कारण, कुछ कल्याण योजनायें जो अधिक महत्वपूर्ण या अधिक लोकप्रिय नहीं हैं, समाप्त कर दी गई हैं या इस समय कम कर दी गई हैं।

(ख) निधि की वित्तीय स्थिति को सुधारने के लिए किफायत के विभिन्न उपाय लागू किए जा रहे हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त, निधि के साधनों को बढ़ाने के उपायों पर भी विचार किया जा रहा है।

**Transporting of Foodgrains by Road**

4293. SHRI N. K. SANGHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the continued shortage of railway wagons for the last three years, the Government have considered the desirability of its own road transport arrangement for transporting foodgrains from Haryana and Punjab to U.P., Rajasthan and West Bengal ; and

(b) whether at present the road transport is being utilized for transporting foodgrains and if so, the total expenditure incurred on this account for the last three years,