THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA): (a) No. Shri Chunnilal A. Rawal, Station Master, Derdi committed suicide by pouring kerosene oil over his body and burnt himself inside his office after bolting from inside and died on 10-11-1966 at 19.50 hours.

(b) Yes.

(c) While under the extant rules the request cannot be agreed to, the question whether a special dispensation can be made on the facts of this case is being examined in consultation with the Ministry of Finance.

Brick-burning and Housing Industries suffering for want of Coal

2789. SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether brick-burning and housing industries are suffering for want of coal;
- (b) whether Government propose to open coal dumps near railway sidings in order to create big market for consumption of brickburning coal and also to help housing problem and providing employment to a large number of people connected with these industries; and
- (c) if so, when coal dumps are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA): (a) There had been some drop in loading of slack coal for the brick-burning industry during 1970-71. This was partly due to low level of demands up to August, 1970 and large-scale cancellation of sponsored rakes by the collicries and partly due to temporary short availability of wagons due to dislocations of train services in the Eastern sector of the country on account of various anti-social activities.

(b) and (c). This is a matter for the State Government. Railways are prepared to provide necessary railway siding facilities at points where the State Governments may like to open coal dumps.

Flood Protection Embankment in Tripura

2790. SHRI DASARATHA DEB: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 279 on 25th May, 1971 and state:

- (a) the amount spent for the flood protection embankment of Hower area of Kailashahr during the last three years; and
- (b) If not, whether Government contemplate to construct flood protection embankment by the side of Manu river, at Hower area, Tripura?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL): (a) and (b). The Tripura Administration have reported that no expenditure was incurred during the last three years for the protection of Hower area of Kailashahar. However, a cheme comprising construction of embankments on Manu river and Baguachhera stream and provision of regulators has been reprepared by the Tripura Administration. It has been kept in abeyance pending further investigations. Surveys of Manu river basin are also being carried out by the Tripura Administration.

Replacement of old Bridge at Bhadrakh Railway Station (South Eastern Railway)

2791. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether there is any provision to replace the old and narrow overbridge at Bhadrakh Railway Station, Orissa, for better service to the public?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA): There is no proposal at present to replace the existing foot overbridge across the yard at Bhadrakh Railway Station, which is only 6 wide but otherwise in good condition. The provision of a wider footover-bridge will be considered for inclusion in future years Works Programme, depending upon the availability of funds.

रतलाम डिवीजन (पश्चिम रेलबे) में क्रपरिपल

2792. डा॰ लक्ष्मीनारायण पांडे: क्या रेल मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पश्चिम रेलवे के रतलाम डिवीजन में