

given to the World Bank in connection with the First Power Transmission Loan and Credit Agreement with IDA for the Second Power Transmission Project and to advise the Boards suitably on ways and means of improving their financial performance by effecting economies in staff, improving billing and collection procedures, introducing effective inventory control methods, reducing energy losses, achieving more efficient generation of power, revision of tariffs etc. In order to spot the areas of weaknesses of the Boards, a detailed study of the working of selected Boards is also conducted ;

- (2) bring about uniformity in the forms of accounts and maintenance thereof ;
- (3) review the internal audit arrangements of the Boards with a view to suggesting ways and means for their effective working ;
- (4) prepare a standard accounting manual for adoption by the Boards.

(c) All public sector power supply organisations have commercial sections to deal with the commercial aspects of power supply.

**Fast by Employees of Control Room of Bhavnagar Division (Western Railway)**

3364. SHRI P. M. MEHTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that controller-employees of the Control Room of Bhavnagar Division on the Western Railway had gone on fast for non-fulfilment of their demands ; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to fulfil their demands ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing the action taken is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-559/71.*]

**Shortage of Coal to textile mills due to wagon shortage**

3365. SHRI P. M. MEHTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether two textile mills, namely "The New Jehangir Vikil Mills" and "The Mahalaxmi Mills" are facing acute shortage of coal due to non-supply of wagons ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken of the Railways for adequate supply of wagons to both the Mills ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No. As on 20-6-71, The New Jehangir Vakil Mills are reported to be having 300 tonnes of coal in stock and the Mahalaxmi Mills 210 tonnes of coal on hand, against their daily consumption of 25 and 30 tonnes respectively. Further loading as programmed, is going on. There was some shortfall in loading on behalf of The New Jehangir Vakil Mills in April for acute labour trouble at Viramgam transshipment point, but their requirements in May and June have been met more or less in full. The Mahalaxmi Mills are reported to have reopened after a prolonged lockout in March 1971.

(b) In spite of difficulties at transshipment points, all possible efforts are made by the Railways to comply with the programmed demand of the Mills. Cotton Mills are also given assistance from railway Loco coal in case of exhaustion of their own stock. Arrangements for stepping up loading for the Mahalaxmi Mills have already been made.

**Machine Tools Project in Bhavnagar**

3366. SHRI P. M. MEHTA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had deferred "Bhavnagar Machine Tools Project" for one year due to recession ;

(b) whether the recession period is over ; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to implement this Project ?

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