

(b) According to the present indications there is likely to be a drop of 0.2 million tonnes in the coal consumption during 1973-74, the last year of the fourth plan as a result of reduction in the steam loco holdings on account of dieselisation and electrification.

**Proposal to Increase export of Iron Ore**

7130. SHRI P. M. MEHTA :  
SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to increase the export of iron ore during the current year and if so, the broad outlines thereof ; and

(b) the quantity of iron ore expected to be exported during 1972-73 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A.C. GEOGRE) : (a) Yes, Sir. Apart from persuading the foreign buyers to increase imports of Indian iron ore, steps are being taken to remove certain internal constraints in the mining, transport and port sectors.

(b) The quantity of iron ore expected to be exported during 1972-73 is about 22 million tonnes.

**Statutory Support Price of Raw Jute**

7131. SHRI P.M. MEHTA :  
SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has written letter to the Chief Ministers of various States in regard to the Centre's intention to give a statutory basis for the minimum support price for raw jute from the coming season ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of State Governments thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI

L.N. MISHRA) : (a) I have addressed a letter to the Chief Ministers of West Bengal, Assam, Bihar, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Tripura in connection with the effective implementation of the price for jute for the 1972-73 season.

(b) The Chief Ministers of Assam and West Bengal have promised to extend full co-operation in this behalf. Replies from other States have not yet been received.

**Export Committee to inquire into cause of Rising Cost of Irrigation Works**

7132. SHRI C. T. DHANDAPANI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have set up an expert committee to inquire into the reasons for rising cost of irrigation works in the country ; and

(b) if so, when the Committee is likely to submit its report ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) Yes.

(b) The Committee has been asked to submit its report by 30th June, 1972. It may, however require some more time to complete its work.

बड़ोक रेलवे स्टेशन (उत्तर रेलवे) पर  
भोजनालय के ठेकेदार की ओर  
किराये तथा लाइसेंस शुल्क  
की बकाया राशि

7133. श्री स्वामी ब्रह्मानन्द : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या 1 तथा 2 डाउर कालका मेल की डायनिंग कार का ठेका जिस ठेकेदार को दिया गया था, उसकी ओर बड़ोक रेलवे स्टेशन के भोजनालय के किराये तथा लाइसेंस शुल्क के 22 हजार रुपये की राशि बकाया है ;