

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Disciplinary action against the concerned staff has been initiated.

Decision on report of Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices on bulk drugs

4894. SHRI K. S. CHAVDA :

SHRI D. B. CHANDRA
GOWDA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his predecessor, Shri Gokhale had assured the representatives of the Drug Industry in Bombay in the first week of December, 1972 that Government would take a decision within two months on the report of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices on bulk drug prices;

(b) if so, when the decisions of Government are expected to be announced; and

(c) whether pressure is being exerted by vested interests to see that action on the recommendations contained in the report is delayed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) In the meeting held in Bombay with the representatives of the Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Industry and the trade in the first week of January 1973, the members of the industry expressed concern about the recommendations of the report of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices on Prices of drugs. Shri H. R. Gokhale then Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals stated that the recommendations of Wanchoo

Committee are still under consideration and that if the industry wanted to put forth any views and suggestions in the above connection, they would be taken in the consideration before arriving at a final decision.

(b) The report is under active consideration and a decision is expected to be taken soon.

(c) Some representatives of the trade have urged that they should be consulted before Government take a final decision on the report.

Meeting of Loco Running Staff with General Manager, Western Railway at Aburoad in December, 1972.

4895. SHRI DHARAMGAJ SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Loco Running Staff at Aburoad met the General Manager, Western Railway at Aburoad on 8th December, 1972 about their problems.

(b) if so, what were the problems and what action has been taken in the matter so far; and

(c) how much time Government propose to take in finalising the issues?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Threat of Strike by All India Loco Running Staff Association at its Annual Meeting held at Burdwan in January, 1973.

4896. SHRI DHARAMGAJ SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether the All India Loco Running Staff Association held Annual General Body Meeting at Burdwan on 20th