

(d) Employees who participated in any agitation from 19-12-1973 to 28-12-1973 were not paid wages for this period on the principle of "no work no pay" and no discrimination was made in this respect.

Permission to Southern Petro-chemicals Industries Corporation to set up a Fertilizer Plant at Cuddalore

2672 SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU :
SHRI SFZHIAN .

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

(a) whether the Southern Petro-chemicals Industries Corporation, Tuticorin has applied for permission to set up a fertiliser factor at Cuddalore ;

(b) if so, whether the permission has been given, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN). (a) Yes, Sir

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The proposal is being appraised

Value and Quantity of Scrap disposed of by each Railways

2673. SHRI S. N. MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the value and quantity of scrap disposed of by each Railways during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the mode of its disposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No LT-6395/74]

(b) The scrap available for disposal after meeting Railways' own requirements

and complying with the commitments entered into with other Government departments is disposed of by open Tenders or through periodical Auction Sales.

Saving of Fuel and Power Through adjustment of working hours

2674. SHRI P. A. SAMINATHAN :
SHRI P. M MEHTA :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have examined the feasibility of saving fuel and power by suitably adjusting hours of work in the country in summer and winter; and

(b) if so, the decisions taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir The feasibility of saving fuel and power by suitably adjusting hours of work in the country in summer and winter has been examined. By adjustment of the working hours of factories and other establishments and by restoring of leads, savings in peak power requirements have been effected. However, by adjustment of working hours in summer and winter, no significant savings are possible.

Proposal to supply ration to Railway Employees through fair price shop

2675 SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA :
SHRI C JANARDHANAN .

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state .

(a) whether at the Central Trade Union meeting with Government, A.I.T.U.C. had proposed that Government should supply ration for Railway employees through fair price shops in each State, and

(b) if so, what is the decision of Government and salient features thereof?