

Shri Himmatsingka:

Shri Basumatari:

Will the Minister of **Mines and Metals** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to increase the royalty in respect of mining leases for coal;

(b) if so, to what extent it will be raised; and

(c) the date from which this will be given effect to?

The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) to (c). The rate of royalty in respect of mining leases for coal granted before 25-10-1949 has been increased to 5 per cent of f.o.r. price subject to a minimum of 50 paise per ton with effect from 1-1-1966.

Import of Cosmetics

*366. **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of **Commerce** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite all control on imports of cosmetics, cosmetics worth crores of rupees including lipsticks worth Rs. 2 crores per annum are being imported every year; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to prevent this drain on foreign exchange reserves?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The actual imports of cosmetics during the last three years have been practically nil.

Sheds and Shelters at Jhajha Station (Eastern Railway)

1556. **Shri Madhu Limaye:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the insufficiency of sheds and shelters at the Jhajha station on the Eastern Railway; and

(b) whether Government propose to construct additional sheds there in the near future?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) No.

(b) There is no such proposal at present

Development of Coal Mines

1557. **Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of **Mines and Metals** be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made to develop the three coal mines of the National Coal Development Corporation in collaboration with the National Coal Board of U.K.;

(b) the time likely to be taken to finalise the Agreement; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange required for the development of these mines?

The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) It has now been decided that the three coal mines for which the Project Report has been prepared by the National Coal Board of U.K. would be developed by National Coal Development Corporation on their own. Only such equipment would be imported as is not available indigenously.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The amount of foreign exchange required for two of the three mines is estimated at Rs. 93 lakhs. The Project Report of the third is not finalised yet. The estimate in respect of the third mine can be given only after the Project Report is finalised.