(d) No special measures are considered necessary to step up our export of traditional goods, like tea, raw wool, cotton piecegoods and jute manufactures, which form 85 per cent of our total exports to the U.K. With the return to normalcy following the emergency in August-September 1965. it is hoped that the position of our exports to the U. K. will improve. It is also hoped that the temporary import surcharge levied by the U. K. will be lifted as early as possible. The measures to be taken for diversifying our exports to the U. K., especially non-traditional items, like engineering products, plastic goods, processed food items, finished leather and leather manufactures, chemical and allied products and sports goods, continue to be under constant review.

Written Answers

Manufacture of Electrical Equipment in Mysore.

1612. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Shri Dhuleshwar Meena: Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 184 on the 5th November, 1965 and state:

- (a) whether the proposal submitted by the State Government of Mysore for forming a public limited Company for the manufacture of electrical equipments has since been considered by Government;
 - (b) if so, the result thereof; and
- (c) if reply to part (a) be in the negative the causes of the delay?

The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya): (a) to (c). The proposal of the State Government of Mysore for forming a public limited company in which the Government of Mysore, the West German collaborators, the IFC Washington will hold shares together with the general public is still under consideration.

Inventions Promotion Board

1613. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Shri Dhuleshwar Meena: Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of grant sanctioned in 1965-66 for the Inventions Promotion Board; and
- (b) the total amount spent during the same period and the nature of expenditure?

The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya): (a) Rs. 2.00 lakhs.

(b) Total amount spent during 1965-66 (upto 31st January, 1966) is Rs. 2.25.947.00.

The excess expenditure will be met out of the unspent balance left over with the Board at the end of the year 1964-65.

Fall in Coal Consumption

1614. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the coal consumption in the country has fallen in the year 1965-66;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures taken to arrest the trend?

The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) No, Sir.

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

Ticketless Travel

Shri Dhulcahwar Meena;
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey;
Shri Daljit Singh;
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka;

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons found travelling without tickets in each zone