

Machines and integrating Accounts work with statistics are drawing the old Rs. 15 as special pay arbitrarily fixed 20 years ago when the Power Samas Tabulating Machines were introduced in the Railway offices;

(b) the salary given to similar operators in other Central Government offices like the Ministry of Food and Agriculture or Union Public Service Commission, State Bank of India and other public sector projects; and

(c) whether the Railway Board are considering the revision of pay scales of these Machine Operators?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):**

(a) The special pay of Rs. 15 per month allowed to operators working on Power Samas and Hollerith etc. machines was extended to Operators of IBM Data Processing machines on their being brought into use on some of the Indian Railways about 10 years ago. The question of special pay of Rs. 15 per month granted to operators working on the various types of machines such as Punches, Verifiers, Sorters, Tabulators, Book Keeping machines, Calculating machines etc. was reviewed in 1961 on the suggestion of the Jagannadha Das Pay Commission and the said special pay was allowed to continue. This special pay has been continued after the integration of accounts work with statistics on IBM machines.

(b) The information is being collected from other Central Government offices and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) No.

**Agnigondala Copper Project in Andhra Pradesh**

**3479. Shri Vasudevan Nair:  
Shri Warrior:  
Shri Prabhat Kar:**

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

(a) whether Government have decided to hand over the management of

the Agnigondala Copper Project in Andhra Pradesh to an American firm;

(b) if so, whether the American firm will have only minority share participation in the project; and

(c) the reasons for giving over the management to this foreign firm?

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

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

**Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi**

**3480. Shri Subodh Hansda:** Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi propose to set up a Pig Iron Complex with the collaboration of the State Government;

(b) if so, the number of such units to be set up;

(c) which States will collaborate with the H.E.C.; and

(d) whether these units will be taken up during the Fourth Five Year Plan?

**The Minister of Industry (Shri D. Sanjivayya):** (a) to (d). The Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd. have no proposal from any State Government so far for the setting up of a Pig Iron Complex. The Corporation have, however, approached the Governments of Maharashtra and Punjab to collaborate in the setting up of Pig Iron Plants at Chanda, and Hissar respectively. Negotiations have also been initiated with M/s. Orissa Industrial Development Corporation for undertaking the work of their Talchar Project on a turn-key basis. This includes production of coke, pig iron and fertilisers. No definite understanding has yet been reached.