

**National Coal Board**

2374. **Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**  
**Dr. M. M. Das:**

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

(a) whether the National Coal Board has started functioning;

(b) if so, its composition and whether they are paid Government employees; and

(c) how the employees of the Coal Commissioners' Organisation and other organisations are going to be absorbed in the new set-up?

**The Minister of Mines and Metals (Shri S. K. Dey):** (a) No, Sir. The matter is under consideration.

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

**Export of Agriculture-based Products**

2375. **Dr. Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of agriculture-based products to all exports made by India during 1965-66;

(b) how much is exported in the shape of finished products and how much as raw materials; and

(c) what steps are being taken to convert the exportable raw materials into finished products for export?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Manubhai Shah):** (a) Approximately 79.50 per cent.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-7425/66].

(c) Effort is being made, wherever possible to export finished products in preference to raw materials. To achieve this, research is being carried out on various agricultural commodi-

ties in order to improve the quality of our finished products. However, the process of exporting agricultural commodities in finished form has to be gradual for two reasons:

- (1) resistance from countries which have been importing raw materials so far and doing the processing themselves;
- (2) import tariffs are generally higher on finished products than on raw materials.

भिलाई के इंजीनियरों की छंटनी

2376. **डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया :**  
**श्री राम सेवक यादव :**  
**श्री मधु लिमये :**

क्या लोहा और इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की धृष्टा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भिलाई इस्पात कारखाने के कुछ इंजीनियरों की छंटनी का गई है ;

(ख) क्या छंटनी के बाद इन इंजीनियरों ने "इंजीनियरों का पूल" बनाये जाने के लिये अनुरोध किया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उनकी छंटनी करने के क्या कारण थे तथा उनकी प्रार्थना के बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

**लोहा और इस्पात मंत्री (श्री बि० ना० सिंह) :** (क) जी, हां । 19 इंजीनियरों की छंटनी की गई थी ।

(ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) छंटनी भिलाई इस्पात कारखाने के 25 मिलियन टन विस्तार सम्बन्धी निर्माण कार्य पूरा हो जाने के कारण की गई थी ।

औद्योगिक उपक्रमों के फालतू कर्मचारियों के प्रविस्तारण के लिए भर्ती और प्रशिक्षण के महानियेक्षक ने अपने निदेशालय में एक