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**Consumption of Diesel oil by Railways**

259. SHRI G. VENKATASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total Kilolitres diesel oil consumed by the Railways every year;

(b) the cost of the oil thus consumed as compared to the cost of coal;

(c) whether there is any proposal to reduce the consumption of diesel oil in the near future; and

(d) the total saving likely to be effected as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NANDA): (a) and (b). A statement showing the yearwise consumption of diesel oil and coal consumed during the years 1966-67, 1967-68 and 1968-69 is attached.

(c) A special drive has been launched to effect economy in the consumption of all type of fuels including diesel oil.

(d) It is too early to estimate the likely savings.

*Statement*

	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69
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(i) Total quantity of diesel oil consumed (in kilolitres)	373,373	431,970	490,818
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(ii) Cost of diesel oil consumed. (in crores of rupees)	26.50	33.80	39.2 <sup>3</sup>
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(iii) Cost of coal consumed. (in crore of rupees)	89.42	98.17	103.88
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**Black - Listing of Firms**

260. SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA: SHRI BHOLA NATH MASTER:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state:

(a) what success has been made by the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi with regard to the assurances given by Government in the Lok Sabha from time to time that the Corporation had been making progress and improvement and that it would soon be out of losses;

(b) what losses or profits do the Balance Sheets of the Corporation for the years ending 31st March, 1969 and 31st March, 1970 show; and

(c) the total amount of loss incurred by the Corporation upto date;

(d) the estimates for the year 1970-71; and

(e) upto what time the Corporation had already received orders and what steps are being taken in this connection?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) As stated on earlier occasions, the production build-up in the plants has not yet reached the rated capacity. The following is the production in the three plants of the company during 1968-69 and 1969-70 and the production programme for 1970-71: