

in matters of employment. In order to facilitate their employment, they are being given relaxations with regard to age. In several cases, they are being trained in order to make them employable.

As on 1-7-1982, out of total 839 non-executive employees 350 displaced persons have been appointed. In addition 101 persons from the displaced families were under training. Besides, displaced persons have been provided employment by various contractors engaged for the project.

Revision of steel prices

2098. SHRI SUNIL MAITRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steel industry which is a major consumer of coal, is thinking in terms of another revision of its prices to recover the loss it will sustain because of the latest increase in the cost of the input; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) and (b) Prices of steel produced by integrated steel plants are fixed by the main producers themselves. It is understood that they are not contemplating an increase in prices in the immediate future.

Central assistance to Electronics City near Bangalore

2099 SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the financial and other assistance provided by the Centre for the 'Electronics City' near Bangalore;

(b) the names of public sector undertakings allotted land in this industrial estate

(c) the details in regard to infrastructure existing in the pioneer complex; and

(d) the employment to be generated in the Electronics City?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) No financial assistance has been provided by the Central Government. The 'Electronics City' near Bangalore is a project under the State Government.

(b) Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) has been allotted land in this City.

(c) As far as infrastructure is concerned, roads have been laid, work for water supply and sewerage is under progress. Power supply lines already exist.

(d) The project, when implemented, is expected to generate employment for around 10,000 persons.

Plan for modernisation of Cement Industry

2101. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are having any plan for the modernisation of cement industry; and

(b) if so, details of the plan and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b). Modernisation of cement industry involves conversion of wet process plants into dry process plants, introduction of pre-calcinator technology and use of advance and sophisticated technology to minimise cost of production and effect savings on energy consumption. Soft loan assistance from the Industrial Development Bank of India is available for modernisation of cement industry. In addition, with the introduction of partial de-control of cement, it is expected that adequate