

Wage Board for Iron Ore, Dolomite and Lime-Stone Mines

*866. { Shri K. N. Pandé:
Shri R. S. Pandey:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to constitute a Wage Board to fix the scale of wages for different categories of workers engaged in iron ore, dolomite and limestone mines; and

(b) if so, whether any progress has been made in this connection?

The Minister of Labour in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). The matter is under examination.

Sino-Pak Border Talks

*867. { Shri Hem Barua:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Bagri:
Shri Baie:
Shri Brij Raj Singh:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Pakistan have sent their reply to the Indian note of protest against the Sino-Pakistan move for the demarcation of the border along Sinkiang and Pak-held Kashmir;

(b) if so, the text of the reply; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Government of Pakistan's note and our reply will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

British India Corporation Ltd., Kanpur

*868. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government and the Life Insurance Corporation of India hold shares in the British India Corporation Ltd., Kanpur;

(b) if so, the number of shares held by each; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government propose to hand over the control of the management of the British India Corporation to certain private person?

The Minister of Industry in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government hold 11,44,773 equity shares of Rs. 5 each, registered in the books of the company. They have further acquired 3,06,983 equity shares of Rs. 5 each, very recently, which are awaiting registration in the books of the company.

The Life Insurance Corporation holds 15,285 preference shares of Rs. 100 each and 10,81,001 equity shares of Rs. 5 each.

(c) No, Sir, there is no proposal to surrender Government's shareholding interest to any private person.

Pak. Saboteurs in Kashmir

*869. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state whether Pakistani trained saboteurs have crossed cease-fire line in Poonch area and have started causing explosions at several places and two live bombs bearing 'Made in U.S.A.' have been recovered in the area and six explosion cases were reported in the third week of this month?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): It is well known that PAK/