

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). The Calcutta Engineering College, Ballygunge had been recognised from 1947 to 1952 when it was affiliated to the State Council of Technical Education. The recognition was not extended since the institution was subsequently disaffiliated by the State Council due to its inability to maintain correct standards.

Canteen in 505 Army Base Workshop, Delhi

416. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers' canteen of 505 Army Base Workshop, Delhi Cantonment has suffered a loss of about Rs. 10,000 during the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether any court of inquiry was ever held to investigate the causes; and

(d) if so, what are the findings of the court?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramaiah): (a) and (b). There was no loss of Rs. 10,000 but there was a loss of Rs. 3094-99 nP. during the period 31st July 1959 to 31st March, 1962. This loss was due to the following factors:—

(i) overall increase in the prices of commodities;

(ii) reluctance of workers to agree to a proportionate increase in the sale prices of the items sold in the canteen to offset the increased expenditure;

(iii) increase in the strength of canteen staff and their wages to ensure more efficient service.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Sindri Fertilizer Factory

417. Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees under different heads working in the Sindri Fertilizer Factory;

(b) whether there is any Union of these employees duly constituted and functioning;

(c) whether there is any provision for grant of bonus or some form of *ad hoc* payment to the employees; and

(d) if so, when Government propose to sanction the payment this year?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):

(a) The position as on 31-3-1962:—

Officers	93
Supervisory (Technical)	611
Supervisory (non-technical)	85
Non-Supervisory (Technical)	3,909
Non-Supervisory (non-technical)	1,146
Class IV	1,244
Mazdoors	1,984
Casual Mazdoors (average)	348
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TOTAL	9,420

(b) Yes. There is a registered Union called the Fertilizer Factory Workers Union which has been recognised by the Management.

(c) and (d). There is no regular "provision" for the grant of any bonus to the employees though certain payments on an *ad hoc* basis were made to the employees in respect of the years 1955-56 to 1959-60. The question whether any such payment should be made for the year 1960-61 has not yet come up for consideration of Government.

Free University Education

418. Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States have made provision for free education up to the