

Committee. The Government's decisions on the Committee's recommendations are being taken.

सिक्किम में रेडियो स्टेशन

*७८१. { श्री म० सा० द्विवेदी :
श्री वी० च० शर्मा :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताते की कृपा करेंगे कि सिक्किम में रेडियो स्टेशन स्थापित करने के सम्बन्ध में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (डा० कलकर) : सिक्किम सरकार के साथ इस विषय पर अभी बातचीत चल रही है।

State Trading Corporation

*782. Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) what is the basis on which firms are selected as business associates of the State Trading Corporation out of those trading in a particular commodity; and

(b) whether the concerned trade associations are consulted while making such selections?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) Applications are received from various firms. After being satisfied about their financial standing and business integrity the firms are registered for the particular commodity they deal in.

(b) No, Sir.

Accident in Bachara Colliery

*783. { श्री राघुनाथ सिंह:
श्री डी. सी. शर्मा:
श्रीमती मफिदा अहमद:
श्री टी. बी. वित्तल राव:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 29th May, 1960 five miners were killed and one was injured when a roof collapsed in development section gallery of Bachara Colliery of the National Coal Development Corporation in the Hazaribagh District; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Yes.

(b) A mass of roof stone fell from a height of 2.25 metres and struck a gang of workers employed in a four-way junction, as a result of which five persons were killed and one escaped with serious bodily injuries.

Manufacture of Fertilisers

*784. { श्री डी. सी. शर्मा:
श्री राम कृष्ण गुप्ता:
श्री अजित सिंह सरहदी:
श्री विद्या चरण शुकला:
श्रीमती मफिदा अहमद:
श्री रामेश्वर तान्ता:
श्री पी. के. देव:
श्री वासुदेवन नायर:
श्री नागी रेड्डी:
श्री वी. पी. नायर:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal to manufacture fertilizers with U.S. collaboration is under consideration; and

(b) the details of the proposal, if finalised?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b). It has been decided that during the Third Plan period, a limited number of fertilizer factories may be allowed to be set up by Indian firms in collaboration with foreign investors. Some Indian parties are exploring possibilities of financial participation by U.S. firms in such joint ventures. Concrete proposals will be considered on merits as and when applications are received for issue of industrial licences.

Claims of Indian Evacuees from Burma

*785. Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian evacuees from Burma during Japanese occupation of Burma had been asked to give their claims of losses etc. to