

(a) whether Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., have received orders from foreign countries for lathes manufactured by them;

(b) if so, which are those countries; and

(c) the terms of the sale agreements?

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

(a) to (c). The Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., Bangalore have arranged to export lathes valued at over a million Swiss francs to Switzerland. It would not be in the interests of our exports to disclose the terms of sale agreements.

Patherdih Coal Washery (Bihar)

***606. Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. Government have granted a loan of Rs. 2 crores to cover the foreign exchange requirements of the proposed new coal washing plant at Patherdih in Bihar; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken so far to construct the project?

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

(a). The U.S. Government have announced their intention to authorise a loan to cover the foreign exchange cost of the washery at Patherdih.

(b) the contractors, M/s. Roberts & Schaefer Company of U.S.A. have started work at the site.

Mid Day Meals

***607. { Shri Siddiah:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) what is the allotment of funds made by the Central Government to each of the States and Union Territories for the purposes of providing

mid-day meals to the pupils of the primary classes in the year 1962-63;

(b) the basis on which it is made; and

(c) whether all the State Governments have agreed to introduce the scheme during the year 1962-63?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali):

(a) It is not possible to state the central assistance for the scheme of mid-day meals because central assistance is given, not scheme-wise, but for the plan as a whole.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

राष्ट्रीय अनुशासन याजना

*६०८. { श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :
श्री भक्त दर्शन :

क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत वर्ष के अन्त तक राष्ट्रीय अनुशासन योजना में कितने विद्यार्थियों को लिया जा चुका है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय अनुशासन योजना धीरे धीरे पर्याप्त लोकप्रिय होती जा रही है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार योजना को भविष्य में और भी विस्तृत रूप देने के लिये विचार कर रही है ;

(घ) क्या सरकार को इस योजना के अन्तर्गत आने वाले शिक्षणालयों की ओर से कुछ शिकायतें भी प्राप्त हुई हैं ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उनके निराकरण की क्या व्यवस्था की गयी है ?

शिक्षा मंत्री (डा० का० ला० श्रीमाली) :

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(ख) जी हां ।

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