

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) Government consider it desirable that there should be restraint on wage increases in the present situation.

(b) and (c). Government recognise that a restraint on wage increases requires a corresponding restraint on increase in prices. Budgetary, credit and other policies are geared to this end.

Indian Investment Centre

**1197. Shri Shashi Ranjan:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Investment Centre is being replaced by Foreign Investment Board;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the difference between the two; and

(c) when this change is likely to take place?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Hindustan Latex, Kerala

1199. Shri A. Sreedharan: Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether production has started in the Hindustan Latex, Kerala; and

(b) if not, when it is likely to start?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. S. Chandrasekhar): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The factory of the Hindustan Latex Ltd. at Trivandrum is expected to start production by the third quarter of 1968.

'Famine Levies' on Minerals and Metals in Bihar

**1200. Shri P. K. Ghosh:
Shri Kartik Oraon:
Shri K. N. Pandey:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar have presented a memorandum seeking permission to impose surcharges of 'Famine Levies' on minerals and metals; and

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

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Medical College and Hospital at Wardha

1201. Shri D. S. Patil: Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to put up a Medical College and Hospital at Wardha to immortalise the memory of Gandhiji at Sevagram; and

(b) if so, the probable date of starting and completing the Medical College and Hospital there?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. S. Chandrasekhar): (a) and (b). The Kasturba Health Society, Sewagram, propose to open a Medical College at Sewagram near Wardha. The question of rendering financial assistance to the Society for the purpose is under consideration.

Upgradation of Nagpur City

1202. Shri D. S. Patil: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand by the Central Government employees