

Wages of Steel Workers

1565. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA :
SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is true that there has been an agreement recently for an increase in the wages of the steel workers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA) : (a) Yes.

(b) The agreement provides *inter alia* for a minimum wage of Rs. 240/-p. m. with effect from 1.9.1970 for the lowest category of workers *i. e.*, unskilled. The above amount will consist of Rs. 200/- as basic wage and Rs. 40/- as D. A., at index 183 of the All India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial workers (Base 1960=100).

Recommendations of Second Wage Board on Sugar

1566. SHRI P. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention Government has invited to the fact that almost all the Central Trade Unions have unanimously rejected the recommendations of the Second Wage Board on Sugar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA) : (a) No.

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

Broadcasting Station for Madurai

1567. SHRI NAMBAIR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Tamil Nadu Government has demanded of the Central Government to establish a Broadcasting Station at Madurai;

(b) if so, whether the demand has been considered by Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. It is not possible to accept this demand for the present.

(c) Does not arise.

Export Price of Sugar

1568. SHRI N. R. DEOGHARE : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the rates at which sugar will be exported during 1970-71; and

(b) the impact the export of sugar will have on the internal prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Sugar exports are made on calendar year basis. The estimated per tonne f. o. b. s. realisations from the exports made to free world destinations and preferential markets in 1970 are as under :—

	<i>Estimated f. o. b. s. realisation per tonne</i>
(1) Free world destination	Rs. 696
(2) Preferential markets—	
(a) US Quota (USA)	Rs. 1115
(b) NPQ (UK)	Rs. 855

(b) According to the present policy of partial decontrol, a part of the production is requisitioned at fixed prices mainly for distribution to domestic consumers and a part