

existing Regiments recruitment to which is reserved for members of one caste or community.

#### Decision on Sukinda Nickel Project Orissa

\*958. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1449 on the 1st March, 1973 and state when Sukinda Nickel Project, Orissa would be worked out for implementation during the Fifth Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : The pilot plant tests related to the processing of nickel ore are likely to be completed by the middle of 1974. The preparation of a Detailed Project Report can then be taken up followed by its implementation for commercial exploitation.

#### Production of Aircraft quality steel by steel plant at Bhadravati

\*959. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether on evaluation of varieties of steel production by the Government-owned Mysore Iron and Steel Plant, Bhadravati Government are going to give 'A' type certificate for the production of aircraft quality steel;

(b) if so, whether the capacity of production of the said plant can be had to the volume of aircraft quality production steel to meet the requirement of aircraft plant; and

(c) if so, the amount of savings of the foreign-exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) HAL had obtained samples of three types of steel from the Mysore Iron & Steel Ltd., Bhadravati. Their suitability for use in aircraft production is being evaluated by the concerned agencies.

(b) and (c) Do not arise at this state.

#### Verdict given by International Committee on red cross Re. clash between two groups of Pak POWs

\*960. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR :

SHRI P. M. MEHTA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether the International Committee on Red Cross have given its verdict regarding a clash between two groups of Pakistan Prisoner of War in April, 1973 in POWs camp and have certified that India has not done anything wrong as Pakistan claims ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : No communication has been received either from Pakistan or from the International Committee of Red Cross regarding the incident which occurred on 15th April, 1973, in a POW Camp in Madhya Pradesh. The International Committee of Red Cross is a purely humanitarian agency and its functions do not include investigations into incidents.

आयुध कारखानों और ग्रामीं आईनेंस कोर के कर्मचारियों की वरिष्ठता के बारे में भेदभाव किया जाना

8940. श्री धनशाह प्रधान : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उनके मंत्रालय के अीन काम करने वाले कर्मचारियों को दो वर्गों में अर्थात् आयुध कारखानों के कर्मचारियों और ग्रामीं आईनेंस कोर के कर्मचारियों के रूप में, जिन पर एक ही प्रकार के सिविल सेवा विनियम लागू होते हैं और जो एक ही प्रकार के कर्तव्यों का पालन करते हैं तथा एक ही प्रकार के पदों पर कार्य कर रहे हैं और एक ही प्रकार के वेतन प्राप्त कर रहे हैं विभक्त किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री जे० बी० पटनायक) : गृह मंत्रालय ने सन् 1949 में अन्वेषण जारी किए थे कि एक ग्रेड में वरिष्ठता उस ग्रेड में या समकक्ष ग्रेड में की गई सेवा की लम्बाई के अनुसार निर्धारित की जानी चाहिए। भूतपूर्व सैनिक

जिन्हें विधिक पदों पर खपाया गया है तथा फालतू विधिकियत जिन्हें उखा संस्थानों में, वैकल्पिक विद्युत्त-को पर अधिवेश तथा कमी समन्वित योजना के अन्तर्गत खपाया गया था वे विधिक पदों पर ऐसी सेवाओं के लिए बरिष्ठता के लिए हकदार थे।

1959 में गृह मन्त्रालय ने बरिष्ठता के लिए परिशीलित सिद्धांत जारी किए जिसमें सब स्थायी कर्मचारी अस्थायी कर्मचारियों से बरिष्ठ होने की व्यवस्था थी। ये अनुदेश श्रेणी-1 तथा श्रेणी-2 के उखा संस्थानों के अधिकारियों पर जिसमें आइनेम कारखाने तथा आइनेम कोर के अधिकारी शामिल हैं लागू किए गए थे। इन अनुदेशों का उखा पक्ष के तृतीय तथा चतुर्थ श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों पर लागू नहीं किया गया था क्योंकि इनका प्रत्यक्ष पूर्व नौकरी तथा छुट्टी किए गए विधिकियत कर्मचारियों को जिन्हें वैकल्पिक पदों पर खपाया गया है उनके हित पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव होता। यह समस्या छोट कर में आइनेम कारखाना के अनाबा और कहीं विद्यमान नहीं है क्योंकि कारखानों में इस वर्ग के कार्यरत कर्मचारी अधिक नहीं हैं। अतः इन आदेशों को आइनेम कारखानों के तृतीय श्रेणी तथा चतुर्थ श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों के लिए 22 मई, 1972 में लागू कर दिया गया था। यह प्रश्न कि क्या इन आदेशों का अन्य निम्नतर विरचनाया पर, प्रार्थी आइनेम कोर के अन्दर लागू कर दिया जाय विचाराधीन है।

**Harassment to ex-servicemen allotted land in Ganga Khadar scheme (Uttar Pradesh) by Dhimers**

8941 SHRI BHAGIRATH BHANWAR Will the MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ex-servicemen who had been allotted land under the Ganga Khadar Scheme (Uttar Pradesh) are facing infinite harassment at the hands of the Dhimers by occupying their land, cutting the crops forcibly and threatening them with dire consequences; and

(b) whether the local authorities have not been able to protect the Ex-servicemen and what steps Government propose to take to save the Ex-servicemen from harassment ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK) : (a) and (b) As allotment of land is done by the State Governments under their own arrangements, information is not readily available regarding land allotted to ex-servicemen under the Ganga Khadar Scheme. No representation regarding harassment has been received from ex-servicemen who may have been allotted land under the scheme.

**Roads Constructed in Ladakh**

8942 SHRI KUSHOK BAKULA Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the following particulars in respect of the following roads, separately being constructed or already constructed by the various authorities in Ladakh with terminations,

- (i) the total length of the roads jeep-able or motorable,
- (ii) metalled;
- (iii) unmetalled;
- (iv) mule-track road;
- (v) length of roads not metalled so far and under construction ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) . It will not be in public interest to disclose detailed information regarding the state of road communications in this sensitive area

**Bengalees working in Engineering Projects (India) Limited**

8943 SHRI S D SOMASUNDARAM Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the strength of Bengalees and non-Bengalees working with the Engineering Projects (India) Limited; and