

however, receive allowances including interim relief at Central Government rates excepting the Primary School teachers who receive allowances also at State Government rates. The State Government scales of pay have been introduced with a view to facilitating transfer of schools with staff to the State Government on closure of the camp.

Setting up of Auto Industries in Gujarat

6913. SHRI D. P. JADEJA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Gujarat is suffering from not having any public sector 'Auto Industries';

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan to set up such industry; and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD).

(a) It is a fact that there is no public sector plant for automobiles in Gujarat. Government of India is not aware of any suffering as a result. M/s Gujarat Small Industries Corporation have, however, recently been licensed to set up a plant for the manufacture of sectors with a capacity of 24,000 nos per annum.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Jobs to Disabled Ex-Servicemen

6914 SHRI D P JADEJA Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the number of persons benefited during the year 1972 by the measures adopted for providing jobs to disabled ex-servicemen?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK): 276 disabled ex-servicemen were provided jobs during 1972. Besides, 3 disabled ex-servicemen were allotted kiosks in Delhi and 162 such personnel were allotted Indian Oil Corporation agencies in the field of self-employment.

Mining Lease of Sargipalli, Orissa

6915. SHRI P. GANGADEB: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether mining lease of Sargipalli lead ore deposit in Orissa will be given to the proposed Corporation as stipulated; and

(b) the progress made so far in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA).

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Approval of the Central Government to the grant of Mining Lease to M/s Hindustan Zinc Ltd for lead, zinc and other associated minerals is Sargipalli village of Orissa was conveyed to the Government of Orissa on 5th April, 1973.

Improvement in Quality of Coking Coal and Coke Washery Facilities

6916 SHRI P GANGADEB Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) the latest measures proposed to improve the quality of coking coal and expansion of coal washery facilities; and

(b) whether inferior standard of coking coal and coal washery facilities have proved an impediment to production in the integrated steel plants?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA)

(a) Latest measures proposed to improve quality of coking coal and expansion of the coal washery facilities are:

(i) Gearing up the existing washeries to increase production of washed coal;

(ii) new washery capacities are proposed to be developed to match the estimated coal demand;

(iii) efforts are being made to intensify beneficiation at the colliery point by manual picking of impurities.