

Memorandum from colliery mazdoor sabha of India, Raniganj

3794. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any Memorandum dated 10th April, 1985 from the Colliery Mazdoor Sabha of India, Raniganj, West Bengal;

(b) if so, the points raised in the Memorandum; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto and the steps taken by Government to provide minimum amenities like drinking and bathing water to the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Colliery Mazdoor Sabha of India (CITU), in their Memorandum, have highlighted the problem of non-availability of drinking and bathing water for the workers of Mithapur, Nageshwar(R) collieries of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. at Dhouraha.

(c) Eastern Coalfields Ltd. have been directed to look into the complaint and report to the Department of Coal, after taking necessary remedial steps.

Geological scientists sent for training abroad in marine geology

3795. SHRI K.S. RAO : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the considerations on which geological scientists are being sent for training abroad in Marine Geology;

(b) whether it is a fact that the scientists so trained in specialised fields are given posting elsewhere instead of Visakhapatnam, Calcutta or Mangalore where that training can be put to use; and

(c) whether a lady matriculate was included in the cruise in 1983 in the guise of Deputy Scientist thereby insulting the Scientists Community ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Seniority, experience in marine geology and age are the main considerations for nominating the Geological Scientists for training abroad in Marine Geology.

(b) Geological Scientists so trained are generally deployed in the Offshore Mineral Exploration and Marine Geology (OME & MG) wing of Geological Survey of India at Calcutta, Visakhapatnam, Cochin and Mangalore. Only one scientist after training was deployed for gold investigation, for which also he had special expertise. Three Geological scientists of Marine Geology discipline were permitted to join other GSI units on humanitarian grounds after they served in the OME and MG Wing for periods ranging from three to seven years. Services of these officers would still be available for OME and MG work as and when required. Another Officer is at present working in the Centre for Earth Science Studies, Trivandrum on lien, where his assignment is connected with Marine Geology.

(c) RV Samundra Manthan is registered as a "Cargo Vessel" under the Merchant Shipping Act. Therefore, all scientists of the Geological Survey of India participating in any cruise in this vessel are accommodated as supernumeraries. Mrs. Govil, wife of the Chief Steward of RV Samundra Manthan travelled as a "Supernumerary" in a short cruise of eleven days in September, 1983, purely on human consideration arising out of their extraordinary family circumstances, and with the prior approval of the Master of the vessel. She was declared as a supernumerary and not a scientist. Hence the question of insulting the scientists community does not arise.

Loan sanctioned by IFCI for projects in the country

3797. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Industrial Finance Corporation of India has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 445 crore for the projects in the country;