

### Retrenchment of Labourers in ECL

1091. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labourers retrenched by E.C.L. during 1988-89 till March, 1992 Mine-wise;

(b) the number of harijan and adivasis out of them.

(c) whether these labourers are not the verge of starvation;

(d) whether the Government propose to reinstate these harijan/adivasi labourers; and

(e) If so, the number of labourers reinstated and the fate of the remaining labourers thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) No labourer has been retrenched by Eastern Coalfields Limited during 1988-89 till March, 1992.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

[English]

### Emigration of Indian Labourers

1092. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the trend noticed in emigration of Indian labourers to Middle East and European Economic Countries during the current year.

(b) whether emigration of Indian labourers have become difficult to those countries.

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial steps proposed in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b). There has been an upward trend in deployment of Indian workers in the Middle East during the current year. The persons going to European countries for employment are not required to obtain emigration clearance w.e.f. 22.7.1991 and as such the figure of employment secured by Indian workers in these countries is not readily available.

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

### Digging of wells in drought stricken Regions

1093. DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO:  
SHRIR. SURENDER REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to dig wells in the drought stricken regions of the country;

(b) if so, whether the export teams have visited the drought affected States to carry out detailed investigations as to how a large number of fresh wells have gone dry;

(c) if so, the places visited by them and the findings thereof; and

(d) the other measures the Government propose to take to help the drought affected areas in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Digging of open wells is generally