

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION AND LABOUR (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No specific case of waste in the matter of purchase of Ground support equipment has come to the notice of Indian Airlines. However, some of the items received were sub-standard. The defects were got rectified from the manufacturers.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Indian Airlines are already inquiring into the matter.

**Setting up of Aluminium Foil Plant at Korba (Madhya Pradesh)**

2220. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Aluminium Company Limited has obtained approval for setting up Aluminium Foil Plant at Korba in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the BALCO is now considering the change in location of this industry to some other State, if so, the reasons thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A feasibility report for setting up the Foil Plant has been prepared and is presently under examination of Bharat Aluminium Company Limited. At the time of taking investment decision, the location of the plant will also be decided.

**Winding up of Public Sector Units incurring losses**

2221. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bureau of Public Enterprises in its Study Report has suggested winding

up of several public sector units which are incurring perennial losses;

(b) if so, which are the units suggested for winding up or auction to the private sector;

(c) what is the amount of non-plan subsidies, which the exchequer has to bear because of the losses incurred by public sector units during 1978 and 1979 (upto June end); and

(d) what is the comparative position of the 28 units examined by the Bureau of Public Enterprises, and what action Government propose to take, based on the recommendations of the study groups?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA):** (a) to (d): The Bureau of Public Enterprises constantly reviews the performance of various public enterprises and the studies cover profitability and public purpose served by them. However, this Ministry has not framed any proposal for winding up of any losing public sector units or auctioning of such enterprises to the private sector.

(c) The information is being collected for the financial year 1978-79, and will be placed on the Table of the House.

**Industrial Exhibition in Birmingham (England)**

2222. SHRI SHIV KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India held her biggest industrial exhibition in Birmingham (England) during the month of March, 1980;

(b) if so, the details of materials exhibited there;

(c) the extent to which Indian goods stood comparison with British goods;

(d) the details of export orders obtained and the countries which placed such orders; and

(e) the estimated foreign exchange earned as a result thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES & STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE):** (a) to (e): Trade Development Authority, and Organisation set up under the societies' Registration Act under the administration control of the Department of Commerce, had organised a Buyer-Seller Meet at Birmingham (England) from March 2-6, 1980. This Buyer-Seller Meet was the biggest of its kind organised by the Trade Development Authority so far in England. A wide range of industrial products of India was displayed at the Meet which, *inter-alia*, included auto-ancillaries, builders hardware, forgings and castings, diesel engine and parts, electronic equipments and components, hand, small and cutting tools, garden tools, industrial fasteners machine tools and accessories, scientific and measuring instruments, bathroom fittings, bicycle parts, electric motors, fishing equipments, industrial gloves and process control valves. The Meet evoked very good response from the British buyers and according to the first information received from the participants, orders worth about Rs. 3.50 crores were booked on the spot during the course of the Meet. Substantial enquiries were also generated during the course of the Meet.

#### **Increase in price of Copper and Tin**

2223. **SHRI SHIV KUMAR SINGH:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have increased the prices of copper and tin in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the increase in price of these two metals will have an adverse effect on small scale industries like utensils making industries in the country and also foreign trade; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to safeguard the interests of small and medium entrepreneurs in the country?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES & STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE):** (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The prices of copper and tin imported by Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation for sales during March 1980 have been raised from Rs. 34,000/- and Rs. 2 lakhs per M. T. to Rs. 33,000/- and Rs. 2.02 lakhs per M. T. respectively.

(c) & (d): While fixing these prices, the ruling international price, the price paid for the goods already in stock and the price at which fresh stocks are expected to be imported are kept in view, apart from other incidental charges etc. The increase in price is not likely to have an adverse effect on any particular sector of the industry. In the case of export products, direct import of these items is allowed as replenishment like other items canalised through public sector agencies.

#### **Discovery of huge deposits of non-ferrous zinc and lead near Agucha (Bhilwara)**

2224. **SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:**  
**SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL:**

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge deposits of non-ferrous zinc and lead have been discovered near Agucha Rampura village of Bhilwara; and

(b) if so, the quantity discovered and steps taken to exploit the discovery fully?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE):** (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Investigations carried out so far, have indicated a reserve of about 26 million tonnes of zinc-lead ore containing about 10 to 12 per cent zinc and 1 to 2 per cent lead.