

running overdrafts with the Reserve Bank of India.

**Improvement in Working of Public Sector Banks**

2823. DR. G. S. RAJHANS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he had recently discussed several issues with the Chief Executives of the public sector banks at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the points on which the discussion was held; and

(c) what further measures will be adopted by the banks in improving their working ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). Finance Minister had a meeting with the Chief Executives of public sector banks on 17-7-85 in New Delhi. He reviewed the performance of each bank in terms of profitability, priority sector lending, direct finance to agriculture, lending to weaker sections, recovery of direct agricultural advances and other dues against norms and averages for the banking system as a whole. The Chief Executives of the banks were asked by the Finance Minister to tone up their Customer Service and create an effective machinery for redressal of the grievances of the customers. Banks were also asked to determine the norms of disposal of common items of work expected of the banks by the customers. In the sphere of priority sector lendings, banks falling short of stipulated targets were asked to draw up firm programme of action to reach the targets.

[*Translation*]

**Labour Casualties in Khetri Copper Project**

2824. SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of labourers who died since the inception of Khetri Copper Project to date;

(b) the number of cases in which the dependants of the deceased persons have

been given compensation so far and the time by which compensation will be given to remaining dependants; and

(c) the measure Government propose to take to check labour casualties ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b). Total number of labourers who died in accidents at Khetri Copper Complex since inception in 1967 is 47. The dependants of all the deceased persons have been given compensation.

(c) The following measures are taken to check labour casualties :

- (i) Continuous efforts for effective enforcement of safety regulations;
- (ii) Motivation of the workers towards safety;
- (iii) Frequent inspection by Safety Officers;
- (iv) Imparting refresher training to the workers;
- (v) Bringing awareness among the workers through companies;
- (vi) Implementing the recommendations of the Tripartite Safety Committee;
- (vii) Utilising the services of Workmen's Inspectors; and
- (viii) Activising the Pit Safety Committees.

[*English*]

**World Bank offer to adopt Sectoral Financing for Indian Coal Industry**

2825. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank offered to adopt sectoral financing as distinct from individual project approach for the Indian Coal Industry;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to the offer in details; and

(c) the advantage of sectoral financing to the individual project approach for Government ?