

(c) to (e) The capacity licensed so far for Ferro Chrome and Ferro Silicon is considered adequate to meet the requirements by the end of the Seventh Plan period. Recently however, representations have been received by the Govt. requesting for creation of additional capacity for Ferro Chrome. The matter is presently under consideration.

Inspections by field officers in EPF Organisation

1350. SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the minimum monthly quota required for inspection for a Field Officer working in the Employees Provident Fund Organisation;

(b) the number of Field Officers working in Bihar region as on 30 June, 1986 and the number of inspections carried out by each of them during the last three years;

(c) whether the overall performance of some of them had not been quite satisfactory;

(d) whether some of them have been posted recently in a very sensitive place; and

(e) if so, action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) According to the existing norms, the Provident Fund Inspectors in the EPF Organisation are required to carry out 45 inspections in a month.

(b) to (e) These are matters of routine administrative detail, and the time and effort involved in collecting this information is not commensurate with the results sought to be achieved through the question.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of TV Tower at Jhanjhunu

1351. SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the time by which TV tower will be set up at Jhanjhunu in Rajasthan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : The VII Plan of Doordarshan include establishment of a large number of new transmitters, both high and low power. These transmitters can be installed only in phases, depending on the Annual Plan allocations, time required by the indigenous manufacturers to supply the requisite equipment and overall priorities. Commissioning of the proposed transmitter at Jhanjhunu will also depend on these factors.

[*English*]

Viability of Aluminium project at Ratnagiri

1352. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state the reasons for which question of viability of aluminium project at Ratnagiri was not examined before sanctioning the same during the Fifth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA) : The setting up of an Integrated Alumina/Aluminium Plant at Ratnagiri for manufacture of 50,000 tonnes of Aluminium per annum based on Dhangarwadi Bauxite Mine in Kolhapur District of Maharashtra was sanctioned by the Government on 29.4.1974 at a total estimated cost of Rs. 78.825 crores after examining the viability of the project in the light of the then prevailing circumstances. Subsequently, a review undertaken by the Government indicated that the size of the Ratnagiri Plant would be uneconomical in view of the economies of scale that underwent change with the development of technology in aluminium smelters as well as alumina plants. In the meanwhile, the discovery of East Coast Bauxite Deposits brought about a sea change in the bauxite reserve position of the country. With the coming up of National Aluminium Company (NALCO) into production, the country is going to be surplus in both Alumina/Aluminium in the next couple of years, whereas the international prices of these commodities have been depressed because of a world wide surplus situation.