

Faculty Members Belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in IITs

2369. SHRI VIR SEN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any faculty member (Engg. Subjects) belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes community in IIT, Delhi, as also any SC/ST representative in the Senate/Board of Directors ;

(b) if so, the numbers thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) to (c). There is one Professor with Electrical Engineering background belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes category in IIT Delhi. The Acts and Statutes of Indian Institutes of Technology do not provide for reservation for membership for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in the Senate/Board of Governors of IIT Delhi. However, the above Professor is a member of the Senate by virtue of his position.

[*Translation*]

Opening of Panna National Park

2370. SHRIMATI VIDYAVATI CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of area brought under the Panna National Park in Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) the total amount spent on rehabilitation of people displaced by this National Park ; and

(c) the steps taken to protect the flora and fauna of this National Park ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) The details of area brought under the Panna National Park are 373.54 sq. kms. in Panna district and 169.11 sq. kms. in Chattrapur district, the total being 542.65 sq. kms.

(b) So far, Rs. 1.70 lakhs have been spent on the rehabilitation of displaced people.

(c) Steps taken to protect the flora and fauna of this national park, include fire protection works, control and regulation of grazing, shifting of cattle camps outside the park area, improvement in communications through use of wireless sets, setting up of check posts and deployment of mobile 'flying' squads and personnel to protect the wildlife and the habitat.

[*English*]

USA's Assistance to BALCO

2371. DR. T KALPANA DEVI Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

a) whether the U.S.A. had offered assistance to Bharat Aluminium Company Limited ;

(b) if so, the details thereof as also terms and conditions ;

(c) the areas of BALCO where such assistance is to be utilised ; and

(d) how far BALCO's performance is likely to improve with this assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR) : (a) to (d). The Aluminium smelter of Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) at Korba is designed to consume 16,500 units of power for producing one tonne of aluminium metal. Over the years, it has been felt necessary to modernise the smelter so as to conserve energy and to reduce production costs. With this end in view, BALCO has selected M/s Real Time Engineering (RTE) of USA to undertake a Feasibility Study at a fee of US \$ 1,92,000 for modernisation of its Smelter at Korba. The total fee of the study will be met out of the grant made available to BALCO under United States Trade Development Programme. For availing of United States Trade Development Programme Grant, the only condition is that a U.S. Firm must be contracted to perform the Feasibility Study and the payment of grant would be made directly by United States Trade Development Programme to M/s. Real Time Engineering which is a U.S. Firm.