

1	2	3	4	5
8.	Balangir	—	45.00	45.00
9.	Keonjhar	—	38.00	38.00
10.	Koraput	—	20.00	20.00
11.	Paradeep	—	18.00	18.00
Total		212.50	192.00	404.50

### **Ban on Smoking in Central Government Offices**

7918. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether West Bengal Government has taken a decision to ban smoking in public places in West Bengal, if so, whether Union government propose to impose such a ban in the Union Government offices and public places at least in the Capital to start with;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a suggestion was made at a seminar held in New Delhi during the last month to bring forward an anti-smoking legislation to curb the deadly evil of smoking after discussion the legal, medico-legal and human aspects thereof;

(d) if so, Government's reaction to this suggestion; and

(e) the anti-smoking drive proposed to be launched upon before enactment of the desired legislation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE):

(a) and (b). With a view to reducing the health hazards of smoking, all State Governments/ Union Territory Administration including Delhi, Central Ministries /Departments have been advised to enforce the existing legislation/instructions concerning non-smoking in different places of entertainment and public transport and extend these to other public places.

(b) Health Minister is not aware of the suggestions, if any made at the seminar held in New Delhi last month.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) With a view to creating public awareness on health hazards of smoking and use of other tobacco products, a country-wide comprehensive health education campaign has been undertaken through mass media, cinema slides and pamphlets.

### **Indian Workers in Kuwait**

7919. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first group of about 1,200 Indian workers, many of them heavily indebted returned from Kuwait at the end of an eleven week strike;