

Provision of Tap Water to IISCO Employees

1543. SHRI ROBIN SEN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that drought situation prevails during the summer season in Asansol area where the IISCO factory is situated and large number of employees of IISCO are living within the radius, of three miles, not included in the IISCO township; and

(b) whether Government propose to provide tap water in the villages and mohalias within the radius of three miles?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) and (b). To meet the scarcity of water during the dry seasons from 15th April to 1st July, the management of IISCO supply every year 40,000 gallons of water per day to the suburbs of Burnpur where a large number of employees of the Company live. Besides, 20,000 gallons of water are supplied daily to the Asansol Municipality for distribution under their own arrangements. IISCO has also provided 92 community taps in the suburbs of Burnpur up to a radius of 2 Kms.

Lock-out in Aluminium Corporation of India Ltd.

1544. SHRI ROBIN SEN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Aluminium Corporation of India Ltd., J. K. Nagar, Asansol, is under lock-out since 1974; and

(b) steps Governments are contemplating to re-open the factory at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a)

The Company has been under lock-out since September, 1973.

(b) At the request of the Company, the Central Government had granted certain reliefs in order to enable the plant to be restarted.

The Company has now finalised arrangements with the financial institutions for securing term-loans and cash credit facilities for working capital. It is now reported to be making arrangements for power supply, labour, etc.

Loss of Man-Days

1545. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state the number of man-days lost since April to May, 1977 industry-wise and state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): Complete records from several State Governments/Union Territories are still awaited. However, on the basis of information, as available on 18th June, 1977, a statement is laid on the table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-489/77].

Price Revision of Aluminium

1546. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Pricing has advised price revision of aluminium;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.