

(b) Yes, Sir. The construction of quarters is expected to be taken up by middle of next plan (1978-83).

**Export of hot rolled & cold rolled steel sheets during 1976-77**

3157. SHRI L. L. KAPOOR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 85000 tonnes of hot rolled/cold rolled sheets have been exported till January, 1978 compared to about 3000 tonnes during 1976-77;

(b) whether the price of this steel was lower by about Rs. 350/- per ton in international market compared to domestic market;

(c) if so, what are the name/names of the importing exporting firm/firms and the quantity so exported;

(d) whether the decision to export this item of steel was taken by the Ministry of Steel against the advice of SAIL international; if so, reasons therefor; and

(e) the proposed target of the Steel Ministry to export this item during 1978-79 and what is the justification for laying down such a target?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) Quantity of hot rolled coils exported during April 1977 to January 1978 was 78,238 tonnes; quantity of cold rolled sheets exported during the same period was 9,864 tonnes.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir, this Ministry does not interfere with the commercial functioning of SAIL International Ltd.

(e) Targets for the export for 1978-79 for this item have not yet been fixed.

**Office building of P. and T. Department in Jahanabad in Gaya District (Bihar)**

3158. SHRI H. L. P. SINHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether P. & T. Department has its own office building at Jahana-bad in Gaya District (Bihar);

(b) whether the same is proposed to be repaired;

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Post Office is functioning in a rented building even though it owns a building there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKH-DEO SAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The building has been condemned and it is proposed to construct a new building in its place. This is why the present building has been vacated and is not proposed to be repaired. The post office is, therefore, functioning in a rented building.

**Journalists victimised**

3159. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how many journalists have been victimised or lost their jobs during last nine months;

(b) their names and designations; and

(c) what are the reasons for such action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) to (c). The matter falls essentially in the State Sphere and has been brought to the notice of the State Governments/