

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नरहरि प्रसाद मुखर्जी) : (क) ब्रह्मपुरी का डाकघर बचत बैंक का काम कर रहा है। गीतापुरी, असमानपुर और चौहान बाजार में कोई डाकघर नहीं है। तथापि, शाहदरा और दिल्ली के जमुना पार के इलाके में काम करने वाले सभी 4 डाकघर बचत बैंक का काम कर रहे हैं।

(ख) मौजूदा विभागीय मानदण्डों के अनुसार इन इलाकों में नए डाकघर खोलने का कोई औचित्य सिद्ध नहीं होता।

(ग) विभागीय मानदण्डों के अनुसार गीतापुरी में डाकघर खोलने का कोई औचित्य सिद्ध नहीं होता।

#### Lock-outs and Mandays lost

2705. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN:

SHRI RAM KISHAN:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be please to state:

(a) how many mandays were lost due to strike during last six months of 1978;

(b) how many lock-outs of units are continuing in States, sector-wise; and

(c) how many fresh lock-outs took place in last six months and details sector-wise thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) According to the provisional information received by the Labour Bureau upto 18-7-78, the total number of Mandays lost due to strikes during the period January to May, 1978 was 4.76 million.

(b) A statement (No. I) giving the information available in respect of lockouts which were reported continuing in the returns for the months of January to May, 1978, is laid on the

Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2563/78].

(c) A statement (No. II) giving the information available in respect of lockouts which originated during the months of January to May, 1978, is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2563/78].

#### Islamic Meet

2706. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH SAYIANWALA:

SHRI RAM PRAKASH TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Indian nationals attended the Islamic meet recently held in Pakistan and opened by the Chief Martial Law Administrator of Pakistan;

(b) if so, in what capacity they represented India there;

(c) whether the selection of the delegates was made by an official agency; and

(d) the role they played in the Conference and the report if any, submitted by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). They participated in their personal capacity in response to invitations received from the Organizers of the Conference.

(d). According to our information, the participants from India made an effort to block any discussions on Kashmir in the Committee of the Conference which was dealing with the problems of Muslim Minorities, on the ground that the meeting was concerned with social, economic and cultural matters and political items like Kashmir should not find a place

in its deliberations. Having failed in their effort, they submitted a note of dissent.

In the final document of the Conference, the paragraph on Kashmir states that the "India delegation" expressed its reservation on this subject.

Government have received communications from some of the participants.

**Programme for supply of Steel at block level**

2707. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under consideration a scheme or the programme for the supply of steel at the block-level throughout the country;

(b) if so, when Government would be in a position to initiate the said programme; and

(c) what stage the said scheme stands today?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) to (c). The main producers have been advised to step up supplies to State Small Industries Corporation to service the requirements of the small scale units at the Block level. In addition, SAIL is also examining the possibility of opening retail outlets in the Blocks. The details are being worked out.

**Mini Steel Plants in Maharashtra Lying Idle**

2708. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of mini steel plants in Maharashtra are lying idle; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) Out of the 27 mini steel plants licensed in Maharashtra, only 23 have been commissioned. Of these 23 units, 9 were lying closed in May, 1978.

(b) Precise reasons for closure of each unit are not known. Generally their difficulties have been:—

(i) Inadequate power supply;

(ii) Lack of demand for their products; and

(iii) Managerial and financial difficulties.

**Panel to suggest improvement in training imparted by I.T.I.**

2709. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a panel to recommend ways and means for the improvement of the quality of training imparted by ITI;

(b) if so, the composition of the panel and whether any recommendations have been made by the panel; and

(c) if so, the details thereof??

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir;

(b) and (c). The composition of the panel is given in the enclosed statement. The panel have not yet submitted their report.

**Statement**

The composition of the panel is given below.

*Chairman*

Shri S. A. Qadir, Ex-Director General of Employment and Training and ILO Expert (Retired).