

Visit by officials of SAIL and Kudremukh Indonesia and Bahrain

8611. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether officials of Steel Authority of India Limited and Kudremukh have visited Indonesia and Bahrain to discuss question of utilisation of pellets and concentrates; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the visit?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). A team of officials from the Kudremukh Iron Ore Co. (KIOCL) had gone to Bahrain in August 1980 to explore the possibility of selling its surplus iron ore concentrate. In pursuance of the discussions held in this regard, a high level delegation of KIOCL visited Bahrain last week for further negotiations. Based on these, a revised offer has been made which is now under consideration of the Bahrain Company.

No official of KIOCL or SAIL has visited Indonesia in recent months.

Repairs to residential quarters at Palam Airport

8612. SHRI SATISH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the authority competent to carry out repairs to the residential quarters at Palam Airport;

(b) the number of complaints made by the residents for the replacement of white antseaten wooden structure in a number of quarters at Palam;

(c) the reasons for not taking this work in hand immediately to avoid any major mishap; and

(d) what is the estimated cost of replacement etc. for the wooden

structure and by date the work is likely to be taken in hand and how much time will be taken to complete this job?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) Civil Aviation Department.

(b) One.

(c) On receipt of a complaint the quarters were inspected and action has been taken in hand for repairing the affected quarters.

(d) Preliminary estimate of expenditure amounting to Rs. 90,000/- is under preparation. The work is likely to be completed within 4 to 5 months.

Production of controlled cloth

8613. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details regarding the contribution of the private sector in the field of production of controlled cloth during 1979-80 along with the performance of the public sector;

(b) whether Government are aware that there is a heavy demand of controlled cloth in the country particularly from the weaker sections of the society;

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard to meet their demand; and

(d) whether Government propose to change the price structure of controlled cloth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) During the year 1979-80 NTC mills produced 252.03 million sq. metres of controlled cloth and non-NTC mills produced 87.23 million sq. metres of controlled cloth.

(b) Yes, Sir.