

the State Government. Since the creation of more jobs and new posts depends on actual work-load, it has not been possible to accede fully to all these demands. In fact, the Accountant General, West Bengal has made a number of promotions including advance promotions to the grade of auditors and clerks even in excess of the prescribed quota. It has also been agreed that the views of the Staff Association of the Accountant General, West Bengal in so far as the reorganisation measures affect the staff interests would be considered and their suggestions would be borne in mind. It is, therefore, not correct to say that the Accountant General, West Bengal is following an anti-labour policy.

Indo-Bahrain Agreement for Kudremukh ore.

3328. SHRI KAMAL NATH:

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Bahrain have reached complete understanding on the technical specifications of Kudremukh Ore to be supplied for the four million tonne pelletisation plant being built in the Gulf island; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a): Yes, Sir.

(b) As a result of the visit of an Indian delegation to Bahrain in October 1981, a Letter of Intent has been issued by the Arab Iron and Steel Company, Bahrain (AISC) to the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited agreeing to buy 1.5 MT of concentrate per year beginning from mid-1984, for a period of five years. The prices for the concentrate will have to be negotiated each year, based on international prices of similar material from other sources.

Loan from IDA

3329. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have withdrawn their request for a loan of dollar 260 million from I.D.A., to set up cement factories; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) and (b). A project of the Cement Corporation of India was under appraisal of the World Bank for a possible loan of \$ 230 million. However, as the financing of this project by the Bank was likely to take time and as this would have adversely affected the schedule for commissioning additional capacity in this vital sector, it was decided to proceed with the project with our own resources.

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3880. श्री राम ब्रध : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत ने गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान किन-किन अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार मेलों में भाग लिया था ;

(ख) इन मेलों में भाग लेने के लिए कुल कितनी विदेशी-मुद्रा खर्च की गई ; और

(ग) भारत ने इन मेलों से किस प्रकार का लाभ उठाया और तत्सम्बन्धी मुख्य ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री खुशीद आलम खां) : (क) एक विवरण संलग्न है ।