

(c) the likely date by which the Regional Institute for women at Chandigarh would be opened and start functioning ; and

(d) the reasons for delay in sanctioning and opening of this Institute especially because such a facility is not available to the women from North-Western State like Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and the Union Territory of Chandigarh and also because Chandigarh offers an ideal location for this purpose to all these states ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI DHARAMVIR) : (a) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to set up more Regional Vocational Training Institutes for Women in a phased manner during the Plan Period after conclusion of the first phase of the Project (in March, 1982, now extended upto December, 1982).

(b) The names, places and dates of establishing Vocational Training Institutes for Women are as under :

1. National Vocational Training Institute for Women, New Delhi—May, 1977.
2. Regional Vocational Training Institute for Women, Bombay—August, 1977.
3. Regional Vocational Training Institute for Women, Bangalore—19 October, 1977.

(c) The issue will be considered in the second phase of the Project.

(d) Does not arise.

Talks of Sikh Grievances in Punjab

7116. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :

SHRI L. S. TUR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made so far in Prime Minister's talks with Akali Dal on the Sikh grievances and developments in Punjab ;

(b) the demands which have been settled ; and

(c) the steps being taken to look into other demands ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a), to (c) . Akali leaders met Prime

Minister on 5th April, 1982 at New Delhi for another round of discussion. The talks in this regard have not yet concluded.

Sale of Coir

7117. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to convene a meeting of State Marketing Federations to evolve a scheme for increasing the sale of coir-products;

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter ; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for popularising coir products in rural areas also ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Central Government and Coir Board have taken / are taking several steps to popularise coir and coir products within the country including rural areas. Some of these steps are :

(i) Release of advertisement in regional languages.

(ii) Advertisement in Radio in different languages.

(iii) Distribution of folders in different languages illustrating usage of coir products.

(iv) Screening of film on coir in festival places.

(v) Mobile publicity/sales through van at festival places.

(vi) Hand cart sale of coir products.

Setting up of ferro nickel plant in Orissa

7118. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of annual import of Ferro Nickel by our country to support the stainless steel manufacturing activity of our Steel Plants;

(b) whether it is a fact that this import can be met indigenously by putting up a Ferro-Nickel plant in Orissa near Sukinda where rich Nickel Ore exists: