

Wage Board award to farm labour attached to the sugar factories where the company itself has got huge farms extending over several thousand acres?

Shri Nanda: That matter was deliberately excluded from the purview of the board. But it is a separate matter which can be dealt with on different lines.

Shri Tangamani: May I know whether any time will be indicated in the various zones, especially in the south, by which the recommendations are to be implemented by sugar factories like the Arooran Sugar Mills in Madras?

Shri Nanda: My colleague has already pointed out that we want them to be immediately carried out.

Shri K. N. Pande: May I know according to the recommendation of the board regarding payment of wages it is left to the discretion of the parties to accept or reject it?

Shri Abid Ali: Part (b) of paragraph 3 of the paper placed on the Table will explain this.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Foreign Exchange for Dalai Lama

*260. { **Shri Warior:**
Shri Kodiyan:
Shri Punnoose:

Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has been approached by the Dalai Lama for release of foreign exchange to send some of his men abroad, especially to the United States of America; and

(b) if so, whether Government have released any amount since the said Lama came to India?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) and (b). Yes Sir

A total of Rs. 60,000 foreign exchange was released in the last two years on four different occasions, including for the Dalai Lama's mother to proceed to Europe for medical treatment.

Fertilizer Plants

*261. { **Shri Indrajit Gupta:**
Shri Narayanankutty Menon:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Hem Raj:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the **Minister of Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India has approved the setting up of fertilizer plants in private sector with foreign collaboration;

(b) if so, how many such schemes have been approved;

(c) who are the Indian entrepreneurs and who are the foreign collaborators; and

(d) what are the terms of the collaboration in each case?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) Yes, Sir. Government have approved of the idea of setting up of fertilizer plants in the private sector with foreign collaboration.

(b) No scheme have been approved so far but a few of them are under consideration. It is expected that an early decision will be taken in regard to them.

(c) and (d). It would be advisable not to disclose the information asked for in (c) and (d) till they have received the final approval of Government.

Aluminium Plant in Orissa

*262. **Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:** Will the **Minister of Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of another aluminium plant in Orissa;