

Quarters for Barsua Iron Mines, Orissa

3599. SHRI KRISHNA HALDER : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether quarter facilities are provided to all the workers of Barsua Iron Mines of Hindustan Steel Limited;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of workers who have not been provided with quarters; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide quarter facilities to all the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) There are not sufficient number of quarters.

(c) About two hundred workers.

(d) HSL are constructing one hundred quarters this year and expect to construct another 100 next year.

Scheme for Drought Affected Areas of Tripura under Rural Works Programme

3600. SHRI BIREN DUTTA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme has been taken up by Government of Tripura under Rural Works Programme for chronically drought affected areas there;

(b) if so, the nature of the scheme;

(c) the areas to be benefited during 1970-71 and 1971-72; and

(d) the amount to be spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) As Tripura administration has not furnished any data for identification of hard core of the drought affected areas, no area of the Territory has been selected for coverage under the Rural Works Programme.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

Punishment orders on Employees of Government Press, Tripura

3601. SHRI BIREN DUTTA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of employees of Government Press, Tripura are under various types of punishment orders;

(b) whether some of them have been discharged;

(c) whether any attempts have been made to settle the dispute; and

(d) if so, the nature of conciliation proceedings in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House after it is received.

Sale of rain affected wheat seeds of Pant Nagar Agricultural University and Tarai Development Corporation

3602. SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry is aware that the Pant Nagar University Wheat seed is rain affected but still it has been approved by the National Seeds Corporation and is being sold by the Tarai