

mand, there have been local shortages in Bombay and some other areas in the country. There is, however, no rise in the price of cement.

(d) All Cement Producers have been alerted to expedite despatches to meet full requirements. Factories normally not supplying to Bombay City have also been instructed to despatch cement to Bombay to meet the demands. Railway authorities have also been asked for additional wagons for movement of cement.

Issue of Licence to Zenith Steel Pipes

1541. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a licence has been given to Zenith Steel Pipes for the manufacture of Shear knives, Mill Rollers, Dyes, Jigs and Fixtures ;

(b) if so, when was this licence issued ; and

(c) whether this was scrutinised by the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 23rd November, 1970.

(c) No, Sir.

Reinstatement of Retrenched Employees of Olavakkode Division, Kerala

1542. SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the Satyagraha launched by the retrenched Railway employees who were working in Olavakkode Division, Kerala, before the office of the Divisional Executive Engineer during April last, if so, the details thereof ;

(b) whether the Railway authorities have implemented Government's decision to reinstate those retrenched workers in the service ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) Some casual labourers under the Executive Engineer, Ernakulam South, who were retrenched on completion of the project they were engaged for, resorted to an agitation.

(b) and (c). There has been no decision to reinstate the retrenched workers. Casual labourers with longer service are available for the reduced workload. However, efforts are being made to find alternative employment for the retrenched workers with Railway contractors in the area.

Seminar on Water Resources of Rajasthan and Gujarat

1543. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a two-day Seminar on water resources of Rajasthan and Gujarat was held in Jaipur during the 2nd week of May, 1971 ;

(b) if so, the nature of discussions held in the seminar ; and

(c) the decisions arrived at ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). Yes. A seminar was organised by the Geological Survey of India of the Ministry of Steel and Mines on the 5th and 6th May, 1971 at Jaipur.

Several aspects of surface water and ground water resources of Rajasthan and Gujarat, including methods of exploration by Geo-physical and Geo-chemical methods and assessment of quality and problems such as desalination, deflouridation and management of water resources etc., were discussed.

(c) The Seminar was of a technical nature and its proceedings are under preparation.

Attack on Railway Stations on Eastern Railway Sealdah Division

1544. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether three Railway stations on the Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway