

who held the discussion with the Management and the matter has been mutually settled for the time being.

Shortage of Steel in Kerala

7941. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that 90 steel furniture factories in Kerala have been closed down due to shortage of supply of the steel materials, particularly the CR Sheets ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken for the supply of of steel material to these factories ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) Due to general shortage of steel, industrial units including furniture factories may be facing difficulties to some extent in all parts of the country including Kerala. Government, however, have no readily available information regarding the closure of steel furniture factories in Kerala due to shortage of steel.

(b) All efforts are being made to raise production in our Steel Plants and to clear imports to the extent required.

बिहार में पुनर्बलन मिलें

7942. श्री सुखदेव प्रसाद वर्मा : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बिहार में वर्ष 1965 तक कितनी पुनर्बलन मिले थी और इस समय कितनी है और उनके नाम क्या है और वे कहाँ कहाँ स्थित है ;

(ख) उनमें से प्रत्येक की वार्षिक उत्पादन क्षमता कितनी है तथा प्रत्येक की प्रति वर्ष कितना कच्चा माल सप्लाई किया जाता है ;

(ग) क्या प्रत्येक पुनर्बलन मिल को उसकी उत्पादन क्षमता के अनुसार कच्चा माल दिया जाता है ; और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है ; और

(घ) यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिये कि प्रत्येक उक्त मिल की उसकी उत्पादन क्षमता के अनुसार कच्चा माल सप्लाई किया जाय सरकार का विचार क्या कार्यवाही करने का है ;

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खान) : (क) से (ग). जानकारी प्राप्त की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Service Conditions in M. P.'s Canteens at South and North Avenues, New Delhi

7943. SHRI P. ANTONY REDDY : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the service conditions that are existing in M. P.'s Canteens both at South and North Avenues ; and

(b) the number of workers employed in each of these canteens ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) The M.P.'s canteens at South Avenue and North Avenue are run by private caterers. There are no written rules at these canteens governing the service conditions of the employees. It has been reported to Government that the employees in the canteen at North Avenue are paid wages varying from 50 to Rs. 100 with free board and lodging, and that hours of work and leave entitlement etc. are according to the Delhi Shops and Establishments Act, 1954. At the canteen at South Avenue, the caterer claims to be employing only casual labour on daily rates of wages.

(b) The number of workers employed in the South Avenue and North Avenue canteens is 8 and 11 respectively.

Arrears of Employees Provident Fund with Mica Mines Companies

7944. SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of the leading Mica mine companies like M/S. Christean Mica Industries,