

(a) whether a number of Senior Engineers working in the Steel Plants, especially in West Bengal, are leaving their job due to deteriorating labour conditions and insecurity;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any investigations into this matter; and

(c) the steps taken to provide full security to senior engineers and staff in the Steel Plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) No, Sir. No such cases have been reported from the Steel plants of Hindustan Steel Ltd.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Plants ask for Police protection whenever necessary.

Trade, Profession and Education
Facilities for Refugees from
East Bengal

4993. SHRI R. S. PANDEY : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the refugees from East Bengal have been allowed any trade, professional and educational facilities, during their stay in this country pending their return to East Bengal; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Survey of Minerals by Geological Survey
of India in Madhya Pradesh

4994. SHRI UMED SINGH RATHIAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India conducted any survey about the mineral resources in Tehsil Jaspur, near Village Kumkuri in District Raigarh, Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the findings thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b). Geological Survey of India conducted a preliminary survey over an area of 1725 sq. kms. in Jaspur and Dharamjaygarh tehsils, Raigarh district, Madhya Pradesh and did not find any mineral of significance near Kumkuri Village.

Criteria laid down for Selection of
Firms for supply of Hosiery goods

4995. SHRI SAT PAL KAPUR : Will the Minister of SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria laid down for the selection of firms for the supply of hosiery goods to Government ;

(b) the total amount of the purchase order for 1970-71 and the number of such firms, with break-up of the purchase order given to each firm ;

(c) whether Co-operative Societies in the hosiery goods industry are given preference ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) The quantity, delivery period and the price quoted by the eligible firms, along with their capacity and past performance are taken into consideration in selecting them for the supply of hosiery, or any other goods, to Government.