

konda Black. A scheme for this purpose is under preparation.

Investigation to determine incidence of diamond in pipe rock in Wajrakarur area is in progress. The work is envisaged to be completed by 1973.

#### Indian Labour Conference

654. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :  
SHRI P. M MEHTA :  
SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the outcome of the Indian Labour Conference Session held at Delhi on the 22nd and 23rd October, 1971 ;

(b) whether any agreed proposals on questions of industrial relations machinery have been submitted by the INTUC, HMS and AITUC ;

(c) if so, whether Government will accept them without further delay ;

(d) whether all-India legislations for gratuity and closure notice are going to be introduced , and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R.K. KHADILKAR) : (a) A copy of the conclusions of the Conference is laid on the Table of the House. [ *laced in Library. See No. LT-1026/71.* ]

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). Necessary action in this regard is being considered in the length of the conclusions of the 27th Indian Labour Conference.

#### Anti-India propaganda in U.S.A.

655. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :  
SHRI ARJUN SETHI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware of paid advertisements appearing in the "New York Times" and other US newspapers demanding a separate home-land for Sikhs and claiming that the Sikh community in India lives under the threat of genocide ;

(b) whether such advertisements have appeared in the name of one Jaswant Singh Chauhan ; and

(c) the steps taken against the persons responsible and counter-action against such mischievous propaganda in U.S.A. ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) It is gratifying to note that this mischievous plan, which is believed to have been inspired by a foreign country, has met with no success at all. In response to a call for demonstration in front of the UN building on October 13, hardly half a dozen people turned up. The Sikh community in India and abroad completely ignored this mischievous advertisement. The non-official reaction to the activities of Dr. Jagjit Singh is vindication of the soundness of our people who refuse to be misled by such activities. Government is examining what further action is required.

#### Introduction of E.P.F. Scheme in Hanuman Biscuit Factory, Marooaganj, Patna

656 SHRI MD. JAMILURRAHMAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Hanuman Biscuit Factory, Marooaganj, Patna city is not covered under the Employees Provident Fund Scheme although it is employing more than 70 workers and has completed its infancy period ;

(b) whether one of the official from the office of the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner has visited the factory ; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to cover the factory with retrospective date ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R.K. KHADILKAR) : (a) to (c). The administration of the Employees' Provident Fund is the concern of the Central Board of Trustees set up under the Employees' Provident Funds and Family Pension Fund Act, 1952 and is not the direct concern of the Central Government. The Provident Fund authorities have reported that the information is being collected. It will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.