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#### Discussion on Bonus Formula

734. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY :  
SHRI R. S. PANDEY :  
SHRI P. M. MEHTA :

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

(a) whether any discussions were held between the Minister, and the representatives of employers and employees on the 21st October, 1971 on the new bonus formula to be enforced universally ; and

(b) if so, the nature of the discussions held and the decisions arrived at ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) Separate discussion with the representatives of employers and workers were held on the 21st October, 1971, as a prelude to the discussions in the Indian Labour Conference and *inter-alia* the question of bonus was discussed in its various aspects.

(b) the discussions were of an informal nature. No decisions were taken.

#### Sale of Iron Scrap to Private Firm by Bhilai Steel Plant

735. SHRI R. V. BADE : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether iron scrap worth Rs. 20.55 crores has been sold by officials of Bhilai Steel Plant to a private firm at a very low price ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the action taken by Government to prevent huge loss accrued on this account ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMAR-MANGALAM) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Taking over of Sick Mills

736. SHRI R. V. BADE : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of sick mills which Government have taken over ;

(b) the main reasons for closing of such mills ;

(c) the number of labourers hit by the closure ; and

(d) the loss of production the industry has suffered ?

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.

#### Check on further Migration of Refugees from Bangla Desh

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

(a) whether more refugees are coming from Bangla Desh continuously ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to check further migration of refugees from Bangla Desh ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Until normal conditions return in Bangla Desh, it is not possible, for humanitarian considerations, to take any steps to stop or limit the flow of refugees from Bangla Desh.

#### Workers Unemployed in States due to Closure of Factories

738. SHRI D. P. JADEJA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of workers rendered unemployed in 1969-70 and 1970-71 in each State on account of the closure of factories due to financial stringency or shortage of raw material ; and

(b) the steps taken to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.