

(c) The main effort is to minimise industrial disputes through preliminary discussions, informal mediation, conciliation and adjustrification or arbitration as necessary under the existing statutory machinery and voluntary arrangements; Government have also been holding discussions with the interests concerned, including Workers' and Employees' Organisations, to evolve agreed measures to secure improvements in the industrial relations system.

**Issue of Licences for Production of cold Rolled Strips, Alloy Steels and Stainless Steel Strips**

763. SHRI V. MAYAVAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the particulars of firms to whom letters of intent have been issued in the private sector for setting up units to produce cold rolled strips and alloy steels and stainless steel strips ; and

(b) the number of licences issued with relevant details of production capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Setting up of Seamless Tube Plant**

764 SHRI V. MAYAVAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal to set up a Seamless Tube Plant has been finalised ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Demand for Refractories In Steel Industry**

765. SHRI V. MAYAVAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Committee set up to

assess the demand for refractories of various qualities and specifications required by the steel industry in the next ten years and to suggest concrete steps to meet the demand has submitted its report ; and

(b) if so, the principal recommendations thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SARI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Visits Exchanged between India and U. S. S. R.**

766. SHRI P. A. SAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of visits exchanged at the ministerial level as also at official level between U. S. S. R and India after the signing of the Indo-Soviet Treaty ; and

(b) the particulars of such visits, giving the names and official positions of the delegations from both the countries that exchanged visits ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAI SINGH) : (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Contracts secured by Engineering Projects (India) Limited**

767. SHRI P. A. SAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the nature and value of contracts secured both at home and abroad by the Engineering Projects (India) Limited during the last three years ;

(b) the staffing pattern of the undertaking ; and

(c) the present subscribed and authorised capital of the said undertaking ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) Engineering Projects (India) Ltd., was incorporated in April, 1970. Since then the