

All eligible applicants have either been offered plots or their names have been placed on the waiting list. As regards persons hailing from West Bengal, the Co-operative Society of such persons had made representations to Government for the allotment of land in the Colony. The Society has been informed that the Department of Rehabilitation has no scheme under which a Society consisting of non-displaced persons could be considered for allotment of land.

Reopening of Nimcha Colliery

72. SHRI ROBIN SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement was signed for re-opening the Nimcha Colliery in Raniganj Coal Field;

(b) if so, the main features of the agreement and the name of the Union with whom the agreement was signed;

(c) whether large amount of legal dues is due to the workers for the period before the lockout of the Colliery from 26th April, 1971, if so, the total amount due; and

(d) whether there is any provision for payment of outstanding legal dues to the workers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADKAR): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि में अन्वदान

73. श्री अम्बेश: क्या अम प्रौर पुनर्वास मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) किसी संस्थान में भविष्य निधि योजना आरम्भ करने के लिए कितने कर्मचारियों की अपेक्षा होती है;

(ख) क्या यह सभव है कि किसी संस्थान में कुछ कर्मचारी तो भविष्य निधि में अन्वदान करते हैं जब कि अन्य कुछ को यह सुविधा नहीं दी जाती है; और

(ग) क्या कोई कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि में अन्वदान करने से स्वयं इन्कार कर सकता है?

अम प्रौर पुनर्वास मन्त्री (श्री अर० के० खड्गिलकर): (क) बीम। तथापि, केन्द्रीय सरकार को इस अधिनियम के उपबन्धों को ऐसे किन्हीं प्रतिष्ठानों पर लागू कराने का अधिकार है जिनमें नियोजित बीस से कम व्यक्तियों को ऐसी संख्या नियोजित हो, जो अधिसूचना में निर्दिष्ट की जाय।

(ख) जी हां। कुछ शर्तों के साथ कर्मचारी इसकी परिधि में आ जाते हैं।

(ग) ऐसे कर्मचारी को, जिसे भविष्य निधि का सदस्य बनाना अपेक्षित है, सदस्य बनने से इन्कार करने का अधिकार नहीं है।

Indians in Ceylon

74. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons of Indian origin who have been given citizenship by the Ceylonese Government under the Shastri-Sirimao agreement; and

(b) the number of persons still awaiting citizenship under the said agreement?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) 17,632 up to August 31, 1971.

(b) 2,82,368.

Steel Production in Bhilai Steel Plant

75. SHRI G. C. DIXIT: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering certain immediate measures to increase the steel production in Bhilai Plant to meet the shortage of steel; and

(b) if so, what are these measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). For increasing production in Bhilai Steel Plant several technological and organisational measures have been implemented or are under implementation. The main measures are:—

(i) Formation of Capital Repairs Group for Coke Ovens.

- (ii) introduction of Benzene for use as fuel ;
- (iii) Simultaneous repairs to more than one Open Hearth Furnace to improve furnace availability ;
- (iv) Introduction of oxygen lancing in open hearth furnaces.
- (v) Steps for improving quality and reducing rejections etc

Visit of Minister of Steel and Mines to Bhilai Steel Plant

776. SHRI G. C. DIXIT : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

- (a) whether he visited the site of the Bhilai Steel Plant recently , and
- (b) if so, the purpose of the visit ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The date and purpose of the visits are given below :

Date of visit	Purpose of visit
5.5.71	Visited the Steel Plant, addressed the officers and met the trade union leaders.
30.7.71	Inaugurated the 6th Blast Furnace. Held discussions with officers on the progress of steel production.
15.10.71	Visited Rajhara Mines and the Steel Plant. Held discussions with both Soviet and Indian officers and met trade union leaders.

Strike in Bhilai Steel Plant

777. SHRI G. C. DIXIT : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

- (a) whether there was any strike in the Bhilai Steel Plant during the last three years ;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the strike ;
- (c) the man-hours lost during the strike

period and the financial loss suffered consequently ; and

(d) the action taken against the persons responsible for this ?

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

Meeting of Underground Naga Leader Shri Phizo and Mizo Rebel Leader Shri Laldanga

778. SHRI ROBIN KAKOTI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any information regarding the meeting of the self-exiled underground Naga Leader Shri Phizo and Mizo Rebel Leader Shri Laldanga in the month of August, 1971 at Dacca ;

(b) whether Government have any information that the Mizo Rebel Leader Shri Laldanga wants to surrender ;

(c) whether Government have any information regarding the number of the Naga and Mizo Rebels who are in China and East Pakistan ; and

(d) whether there is any fresh move by the Rebel Naga Leaders for talks with Government ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) We have no information.

(b) We have no information that the Mizo Rebel Leader Laldanga intends to surrender. On the contrary, according to our information the Mizo rebels in East Bengal under the leadership of Laldanga are actively cooperating with the West Pakistan Army. However, a number of top-ranking leaders of the MNF belonging to the moderate faction have recently returned to India and surrendered to our authorities.

(c) We have no information of any Mizo Rebel group in China. As regards East Bengal, in June, 1971, they were estimated to be approximately 2000 including women, children and nearly 1200 personnel of the so-called "Mizo National Army". There are reports that some Naga rebels had proceeded to China during 1971. Their