

(d) whether it has been repaired ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMAR MANGALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Training and Employment to Technical job seekers

1660. **SHRI RAJDEO SINGH :** Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the efforts Government have made to train and provide employment to young doctors, experienced engineers, highly skilled craftsmen such as millers, precision turners and fitters ; and

(b) the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) and (b). Adequate facilities have been created in the country for institutional and on-the-job training for these and other categories.

While precise estimates are not available, large numbers belonging to these and other categories are expected to be employed under the various programmes undertaken by the Central and the State Government within and outside the Fourth Plan.

Entry of Omega team to Bangla Desh

1661. **DR. RANEN SEN :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an organisation named Omega consisting of people moved by humanitarian consideration tried to enter Bangla Desh through India with food and medical materials for the succour of the people of Bangla Desh ;

(b) if so, the result thereof ; and

(c) the reaction of the Government of India thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) to (c) The organizers of a voluntary organization, Omega have informed the Government of India that they have carried out a number of missions into Bangla Desh for distributing food, clothes, blankets and

medicines to the needy people there. The Government of India appreciate all humanitarian efforts to relieve sufferings in Bangla Desh.

Visit by an Assistant Secretary of State of U. S. A.

1662. **DR. RANEN SEN :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Mr. David M. Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations in U. S. State Department has visited Dacca, Calcutta and New Delhi several times recently and has met the high Government officials of Pakistan and the Ministers of India and some officials ; and

(b) if so, the nature of the mission ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). Mr. David M. Abshire, U. S. Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations visited India from August 31, 1971 to September 2, 1971. During his stay, he visited Calcutta and Delhi. In Calcutta, he saw the refugee camps and in the Delhi he had meetings with the Minister of State for Rehabilitation and the Foreign Secretary. The situation arising out of the massive influx of refugees into India from East Bengal was explained to him. He also visited Dacca and Islamabad on the same tour. Government is not aware of any other visit by him to the sub continent.

Lay-off of Workers of Indian Iron and Steel Company's Kulti Works, Asansol

1663. **SHRI ROBIN SEN :** will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the management of finishing section of Indian Iron and Steel Company's Kulti Works, Asansol (West Bengal) had laid off 150 workers on the 23rd August, 1971 ;

(b) if so, the reasons for the lay-off ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to lift the lay-off ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMAR MANGALAM) : (a) According to informa-

tion given by HISCO, about 150 workers of the finishing section in Kulti Works were laid off for the whole of 24th August, 1971 and in the 'A' Shift of 25th August, 1971.

(b) The lay-off was declared following a strike resorted to by the Crane drivers from 19th August, 1971.

(c) As result of a settlement arrived at in a bipartite meeting between the Union and the Management, the strike by the Crane drivers was called off and normal works was resumed from 'B' Shift on 25th August, 1971.

Lock-out in Sheet Mill of Burnpur, Asansol

1664. SHRI ROBIN SEN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the sheet mill of the Burnpur Works of Indian Iron and Steel Company, Asansol, West Bengal has been locked out on the 1st October, 1971 ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ;

(c) the total number of employees rendered jobless due to this lock-out ; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to lift the lock-out ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) to (d). According to Messrs Indian Iron and Steel Company, a lock out was declared by the management in the Sheet Mill of their Burnpur Works on 2.10.1971 in consequence of a stay-in-strike resorted to by workers of the hot mill section of the Sheet Mill with effect from 26-9-1971. The total number of workers affected by the lock out was about 1450. The lock out was lifted in accordance with a phased programme with affect from 18-10-1971 following a settlement before the Deputy Labour Commissioner, Government of West Bengal, Durgapur. All the locked out employees rejoined duty by 22-10-1971.

Workers' Dues in Pure Shitalpur Colliery, Asansol

1665. SHRI ROBIN SEN :
SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL :

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

(a) the total amount of outstanding dues

due to the workers of Pure Shitalpur Colliery, Asansol ;

(b) whether a certificate case has been filed for realisation of the dues ; and

(c) if not, the action Government propose to take to realise the dues ?

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

Dues of Workers of East Jambad Colliery

1666. SHRI ROBIN SEN : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of outstanding legal dues due to the worker of East Jambad Colliery ;

(b) whether the workers of East Jambad Colliery through their union raised the dispute before the Assistant Labour Commissioner (C), Raniganj for the payment of the dues ;

(c) if so, whether a certificate case has been filed for the realisation of the dues ; and

(d) if not, the action Government propose to take to realise the dues ?

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

Deposits of Rock Phosphate in Rajasthan

1667. SHRI HAMENDRA SINGH BANERA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether in the recent survey, the Geological Survey of India has discovered huge deposits of rock phosphate in the Bhilwara District of Rajasthan ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to explore that mineral ?

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

(b) Does not arise.