

Jobs to People in Identified Backward Areas

1683. SHRI B. R. SHUKLA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government have drawn up comprehensive schemes to provide more jobs to the people living in identified backward areas ; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHA-DILKAR) : (a) and (b). Keeping in view the special needs of the weaker sections and areas (including backward areas), the Government have formulated certain special schemes which are being implemented currently. These schemes relate to Small Farmer's Development Agencies, Agencies for Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labour, Rural Works in the chronically drought prone areas, Dry Farming, Area Development in the command areas of irrigation projects and Crash Scheme for rural employment. For details in respect of these schemes reference is invited to the statement laid on the Table of the House in reply to parts (a), (b), (c) and (d) of Starred Question No. 970 on 7.7.1971.

Alleged Ineffective Management of National Coal Development Corporation

1684. SHRI B. R. SHUKLA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a three-day meeting of experts of the Administrative Staff College, Hyderabad ; the National Coal Development Corporation and the Department of Mines was held in the first week of September, 1971 ; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the discussion held and the decision taken and the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. A three day seminar was organised by the National Coal Development Corporation and the Singareni Collieries in collaboration with the Administrative Staff College in the first week of September, 1971, at New Delhi.

(b) The seminar was designed to provide

to the senior executives of the two Companies fresh perspectives in modern managerial approaches in order to improve the current operations and future prospects of the two Companies. No decisions were taken at the seminar.

Requirement of Steel for Industrial Development in State

1685. SHRI B. R. SHUKLA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of steel requirement of each State at present per annum ;

(b) whether as a result of industrial developments being undertaken by Government on account of identification of backward areas for Industrial development in each State, the demand of steel is likely to go up considerably ; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to meet the demand on this account ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) Data have not been compiled regarding the steel requirements of individual States. The Steering Group on Iron and Steel, had, however, estimated the domestic demand for finished steel in 1971-72 at 6.05 million tonnes.

(b) it is too early to assess the effect on steel requirements. Estimates of steel requirements take into account an overall increase in industrial development.

(c) all possible steps are being taken to increase indigenous availability by increasing production, regulating exports, importing such categories of steel which are inescapable and streamlining distribution. Long term measures include the setting up of three new steel plants at Salem, Visakhapatnam and Vijayanagar.

Problems of East Bengal Displaced Persons

1686. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the residuary problems of East Bengal displaced persons still claiming the attention of the Central and State Governments awaiting proper redress ;

(b) the steps taken by Government of