

Invitation to India to Attend Non-Aligned Group's meeting at New York

1724 SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-GRAHI Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government received any invitation to attend the meeting of the non-aligned group, which was held in New York and

(b) whether Government have received any communications from the non aligned group since August, 1971 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Government of India keeps in close and continuous touch with members of the non-aligned group. India participated in the Consultative Meetings, both at the official and Ministerial level, of the non-aligned countries held in New York in September, 1971. As a member of the Preparatory Committee India is also fully associated with the preparations for similar meetings to be held next year.

Foreign Personnel Working in Relief Camps in West Bengal

1725 SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THANKAPPAN Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state

(a) the number of foreign personnel working in the relief camps in West Bengal,

(b) whether India could utilise its manpower to replace them, and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

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

Location of Zinc Factories

1726 SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THANKAPPAN Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state the places where the Zinc factories in the

private and public sector in the country are situated ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) At present there are two Zinc Smelters in the country one at Alwaye (Kerala) in the private sector and the other at Debari near Udaipur (Rajasthan) in the public sector.

Production in Cominco Binani Zinc Limited, Kerala

1727 SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THANKAPPAN Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Cominco Binani Zinc Limited Kerala has been out of production due to the labour trouble, and

(b) if so the facts thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) (a) and (b) The Zinc Smelter of M/s Cominco Binani Zinc Limited, at Alwaye, was out of production due to strike by the workers during the period 13th March to 7th June, 1971.

The strike, it is reported, was in protest against disciplinary action taken by the management against an employee for damaging a vital equipment of the factory.

Review of Progress of Worker's Education

1728 SHRI M. KATHAMUTHA Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have received the progress of worker's education in the country, and

(b) if so the result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) (a) and (b) The Worker's Education Scheme has been recently reviewed, first by the National Commission on Labour and then by the Estimates Committee of the Parliament. Their recommendations are under Government's examination.