

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय खादी कर्मचारी संघ के आह्वान पर खादी कर्मचारी संघ, बिहार के कर्मचारियों ने भी अप्रैल, 1972 में हड़ताल की थी ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उनकी मुख्य माँगें क्या हैं और इस बारे में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ;

(ग) उस हड़ताल में कितने कर्मचारी सम्मिलित हुए और इससे उस उद्योग एवं व्यवसाय को कितनी हानि उठानी पड़ी ; और

(घ) क्या इस हानि के लिए उत्तरदायी व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध सरकार ने कोई कार्यवाही की है ?

श्रीसौमिक विकास मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद) : (क) में (घ) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है, ममा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Non-Utilisation of money set Apart for new Regional Laboratories And other Projects

4878. SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state the reasons for the non-utilization of Rs 250/- lakhs set for new Regional Laboratories and other projects ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) A tentative provision of Rs 248.00 lakhs was made for setting up new projects/Regional Laboratories in the draft 4th Five Year Plan proposals of the C. S. I. R. The Board of Scientific and Industrial Research (BSIR) at its meeting held on 30th September, 1970 while considering the setting up of new Regional Laboratories and other new projects during the plan period decided that the Plan proposals should be examined from the point of view of priorities in relation to those of the country's economic development plan. The plan proposals of the CSIR are being scrutinised from this view point.

Evaluation of Research and Development Projects

4879. SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state the organisation responsible for the evaluation of various Research and Development projects ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM) The Government have from time to time arranged for evaluation of the Research and Development activity of various Research and Development organisations by specially constituted teams of experts. There is, however, no single organisation responsible for the evaluation of the R&D work of all the R&D Organisations in the country. Because of the range and variety of scientific disciplines involved in such evaluation, there cannot be one single organisation adequate for such tasks. Periodic reviews of the working of various organisations or research institutes have been carried out. Thus the work of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, Indian Council of Medical Research and Indian Council of Agricultural Research has been periodically reviewed by special Committees of experts. It has, however, to be remembered that criteria for evaluation of the work of different organisations cannot be the same.

Menaka Rocket

48 0. SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of Atomic Energy be pleased to State :

(a) the probable reasons for the Menaka Rocket fired on February 15, 1972 developing dangerously high pressure in the chamber resulting in chamber failure;

(b) how this set back affect our capability of launching our own satellite by 1974; and

(c) the efforts being made so that such a failure does not recur ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFOR-