

(SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b). While there has been no reports of holding back of investment, there has been a slackening in the tempo of development work. Government is keeping a careful watch. However Government is not considering, at present, the question of taking over of the non coking coal mines.

Construction of Steel Plant in Bangladesh

1727. SHRI ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to construct a Steel Plant in Bangladesh in the near future ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Production in Bhilai Steel plant due to shortage of Power Supply

1728. SHRI ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether production has declined in Bhilai Steel Plant due to the shortage of power supply ; and

(b) if so, the extent thereof ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Survey of Vacancies Reserved for S. C. & S.T. in Central Government

1729. SHRI ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of India have completed the survey of vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Central Government ; and

(b) if so, the final result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) and (b). The Survey has been completed and the drafting of the Report is in its final stage.

Industrial Relations in Public Undertakings

1730. SHRI ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether industrial relations and labour situation in the Public Undertakings remained disturbed badly during the last financial year ; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. Industrial relations were comparatively better as compared to the two previous financial years.

Phased Programme for Production of Steel

1731. SHRI R. S. PANDEY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) where Government are working on a phased programme to increase production of steel upto 20 million tonnes by the end of 1982 ;

(b) if so, the main features of the programme being worked in this regard ; and

(c) the steps being taken to implement this programme in different steel plants to increase production of steel plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) Government have in hand a phased programme for increasing production of steel to about 20 million ingot tonnes by the end of 1982.

(b) and (c). It is proposed to secure optimum production from the existing capacity of 8.9 million ingot tonnes in the 5 integrated steel plants by raising the level of opera-

tional efficiency, better maintenance and improved labour relations. Balancing facilities, to overcome bottlenecks in production, are also being provided. In addition to the above capacity, it is proposed to expand Bhilai Steel Plant from 2.5 to about 4.0 million ingot tonnes, Bokaro to 4.0 million ingot tonne stage and set up two new integrated steel plants at Vijayanagar (Mysore) and Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) each of two million ingot tonne capacity. This would increase the capacity to about 18.4 million tonnes by 1978-79 or a year later. The capacity of the Indian Iron and Steel Co. Ltd. is also proposed to be increased. During the Sixth Plan, it would be necessary to plan for additional capacity at the rate of about 2 million ingot tonnes every year, by further expansion of capacity in existing steel plants/creating capacities at greenfield sites and the installed capacity by 1982 is expected to be over 20 million ingot tonnes. Some additional capacity will also be available from electric furnaces.

Detailed studies are in hand for phased implementation of the programme.

Violent Incidents in Simpson Plant in Madras

1732. SHRI RAMKANWAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been violent incidents in the Simpson Plants in Madras ; if so, the reasons thereof ;

(b) whether some workers were also killed during the scuffle between various groups ; and

(c) whether the Government of India have received any report in this regard from the State Government ; if so, the main points thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) and (b). There have been reports of violent incidents in the Simpson plant in Madras, but the matter falls within the State sphere.

(c) No.

Racial Discrimination in U. K.

1733. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a report in the Calcutta Statesman of the 26th June, 1972 stating that there have been persistent incidents of racial discrimination in United Kingdom against coloured people including Indians migrated to United Kingdom ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government of India to stop it ?

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

(b) Government have not received any recent complaints of discrimination from Indian residents in U. K. All such complaints are promptly taken up with the authorities concerned. The cases of discrimination referred to in the 'Statesman' report of 26th June, 1972, are of a kind the redress for which is usually sought by the individuals themselves through organisations like the Race Relations Board, Community Relations Commission etc.

Tripartite Meeting in Delhi on Coal Industry of West Bengal

1734. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether a tripartite meeting on coal industry of West Bengal was held recently in Delhi ; and

(b) if so, the results of that meeting ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) Yes.

(b) In this meeting it was agreed that the Union Labour Minister would consider the arrangements to be made for the expeditious payment of other dues to the workers. The employers also agreed that timely and