

tained by India in Nepal was six. Out of them, one is located in Kathmandu and five were in other parts of Nepal namely, Pokhara, Dhankuta, Nepalganj, Palpa and Birganj. No reading room is being maintained by India anywhere in Nepal.

(b) The five libraries maintained at Pokhara, Dhankuta, Nepalganj, Palpa and Birganj have been closed down.

Condition of Public Sector Aluminium Projects

2558. SHRI P.K. DEO : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a report published in the *Economic Times* of the 22nd June, 1972 stating that the public sector aluminium projects are in a muddle; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The public sector aluminium projects are not in a muddle as made out in the report.

Seminar of Employment

2559. SHRI M.M. JOSEPH : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any seminar on employment was held in July, 1972 in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the nature of discussions held; and

(c) the decisions arrived at ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R.K. KHADILKAR) : (a) Government are not aware of any such seminar.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Unemployed Graduates from Delhi Rural Areas registered with Employment Exchanges

2560. SHRI DALIP SINGH : Will the

Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Graduates coming from Rural areas of Delhi who have got their names registered with the Employment Exchanges in Delhi as on the 30th June, 1972; and

(b) how many of them have been provided with suitable services ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R.K. KHADILKAR) : (a) and (b). Information in respect of graduates coming from Rural areas is not available separately. However, the information about the total number of registered job-seekers is given below :

1. Total number of graduates (including Post-graduates) on the Live Register as on 30th June, 1972. ... 22, 51
2. Total number of graduates (including Post-graduates) placed in employment during January to June, 1972. ... 1,169

Increase in Prices of Steel by Firms Manufacturing Special Type of Steel

2561. SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that some firms who are manufacturing special types of steel are arbitrarily raising the prices every six months; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to stop this ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b). Prices of alloy and special steels are not controlled in order to encourage and develop their production in the country.

Representative Meeting of Public and Private Sector Firms at Ranchi

2562. SHRI B.K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :