

Scheme to remove disparities between this scheme and the Home Ministry Scholarship Scheme for Sainik Schools for the following reasons:—

- (1) The Defence Ministry Scholarship Scheme provides for half scholarships to persons in income group Rs. 600-1199.
- (2) In respect of persons in the lower income group, the Defence Ministry Scholarship Scheme provides for extra benefits like TA and pocket money.

The Home Ministry Scholarship Scheme is now administered by the respective Union Territory Administrations including those which have recently attained Statehood. The question of modifying the Home Ministry Scholarship Scheme to bring it on par with the Defence Ministry scheme is being taken up with the concerned Union Territory Administration/states.

Visit By Foreign Minister of Denmark

5392. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Minister of Denmark paid a visit to India recently; and

(b) if so, the matters discussed with him and the conclusions arrived at?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Foreign Minister of Denmark, His Excellency Mr. K. B. Andersen, paid an official visit to India from 29th November to 5th December, 1972.

(b) Discussions between the Foreign Minister of Denmark and Minister for External Affairs covered a wide range of subjects. They reviewed the international situation and considered ways of increasing our bilateral co-operation. The talks revealed a similarity of approach on the various matters discussed.

Shortage of Iron ore at Bokaro Steel Plant

5393. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of steel in the Bokaro Steel Plant is affected due to shortage of iron ore; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) Production of steel has not yet started in the Bokaro Steel Plant Pig Iron production which commenced on 3rd October, 1972, has not been affected by any shortage of iron ore.

(b) Does not arise.

आवास प्रयोजनों हेतु बिहार सरकार को लोहे तथा इस्पात की सप्लाई

5394. श्री शिव शंकर प्रसाद यादव : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार सरकार के आवास विभाग तथा लोक निर्माण विभाग द्वारा 1971 में तथा चालू वर्ष में विभिन्न निर्माण कार्यों हेतु कितने लोहे तथा इस्पात की मांग की गई और उनको कितना लोहा तथा इस्पात सप्लाई किया गया; और

(ख) आवंटित इस्पात में से वास्तव में उनको कितना इस्पात सप्लाई किया गया और बिहार में निर्माण कार्य पर उसका क्या असर पड़ा ?