

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY):** (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The intention seems to be focus attention on the demands of the newspapers employees regarding revision of pay scales and the present dearness allowance formula, as well as diffusion of newspaper ownership. Government have invited for discussion the representatives of the employees and employers in the newspaper industry on the 24th and 27th February, 1973.

**Proposal for Expansion of TISCO**

439 **SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA:**  
**SHRI JAGDISH BHATTACHARYA:**

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) whether Government plans to approve expansion of TISCO; and

(b) if so, the main features of the proposed expansion?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA):** (a) and (b). Government have approved the preparation of a feasibility study by Nippon steel of Japan to determine how best to increase the capacity of the steel plant of Tata Iron and Steel Co. Ltd., from its existing level of 2 million tonnes of ingots a year to 4 million tonnes or more and achieve this most economically and expeditiously.

**Manufacture of TV sets in H.A.L. Factory at Koraput, Orissa**

440. **SHRI ARJUN SETHI:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether Government have taken any decision to manufacture Television sets in the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Factory, Koraput (Orissa)?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA):** No, Sir

**Ban on strike and lock-outs**

441. **SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN.**  
**SHRI R. N. SHARMA:**

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to ban strikes and lock-outs;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether State Governments have been advised in this behalf, if so the nature thereof and State Government's reaction thereto?

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY):** (a). There is no such proposal at present.

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

**Proposed International Conference on Vietnam**

442. **SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA:**  
**SHRI M. S. PURTY:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed International Conference on Vietnam consisted exclusively of European countries?

(b) whether India or any other Asian country had been invited to the Conference;

(c) whether the text of the Agreement did not mention India as amongst the invitees; and

(d) the reaction of Government towards the composition of Conference to solve the Asian problems?