

Memorandum by Handloom Workers Trade Unions, Kerala

4298. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum jointly submitted by Handloom Workers Trade Union under the leadership of A.I.T.U.C., I.N.T.U.C., C.I.T.U. working in Cannanore, Kerala;

(b) if so, the contents thereof; and

(c) the decisions taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY): (a) No such memorandum appears to have been received in the Ministry of Labour.

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

Steps for Optimum Production in Public and Private Sector Units

4299. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister had made a statement, as reported in 'Patriot' dated the 10th February, 1973 stating that the concern of the Government is to ensure optimum production in Public and private sectors units;

(b) if so, the factors which are now standing on the way of achieving this end; and

(c) the steps Government intend to take to ensure the success of the policy declared by the Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI SIDDESHWAR PRASAD) (a) to (c). The statement made was that Government's first concern will be ensure optimum production both in public and private sector units so that the capacities already created are fully

utilised. Government have already initiated steps for optimising production. The measures already taken or are proposed to be taken include:

(i) multi-shift operation wherever practicable,

(ii) liberalisation of industrial licensing policy and "streamlining" of licensing procedures. Liberalisation of import policy in respect of raw material and components,

(iii) improvement of relations between labour and management,

(iv) constitution of Groups of Experts, Task Forces to suggest ways and means to remove bottlenecks in the public sector projects including the constitution of a Group of Ministers on Power Development.

Preparation of Project Reports for the Nickel, Lead and Iron Ore Deposits in Orissa

4300. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the difficulty to prepare a detailed Project Report for the proposed Sukinda Nickel Deposit in Orissa at the earliest; and

(b) the time it will take to prepare a feasibility report for Sargipalli Lead Project and Malengtoli Iron Ore Deposit?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) There is no difficulty as such to prepare a Detailed Project Report for the Sukinda Nickel Project. Detailed Project Report would be prepared after the viability of the process recommended for recovery of Nickel from the Lateritic ore of Kansa (Sukinda) area of Orissa is established on a commercial scale and the site for location of the plant is finally selected. Necessary investigations in this regard are in progress and are expected to be completed in early 1974.