

बनाया राशि के भुगतान के सम्बन्ध में कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि के केन्द्रीय आयक्त के पास कोई ज्ञापन भेजा गया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री बाल गोविंद वर्मा) : भविष्य निधि प्राधि-कारियों ने निम्न प्रकार सूचित किया है :

(क) जी, हां ।

(ख) (i) 31-10-1973 को भविष्य निधि को कुल देय राशियां 11.24 लाख रुपये हैं ।

(ii) प्रबन्धकों के अनुसार अत्यधिक वित्तीय कठिनाई के कारण ।

(ग) जी, नहीं ।

(घ) भाग (ग) के दिए गए उत्तर को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

#### Verification of Membership of Trade Unions

5674. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1717 on the 22nd November, 1973 regarding verification of membership of trade unions and state :

(a) the total number of labour troubles on account of recognition or non-recognition of contesting unions in various undertakings during the last three years and Government's reaction to the same; and

(b) whether it is proposed to have one recognised union in one industry on the basis of referendum through secret ballot for a period of three years to minimise inter-union rivalry and if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) Presumably reference is to the reply given to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1718 and not 1717 answered on November 22, 1973. Information in respect of points raised in part (a) is not available.

(b) The proposed comprehensive Bill on Industrial Relations will cover recognition of unions and related matters.

#### Developing of Heavy Tanks and advance Aircraft by Research and Development Establishment

5675. SHRI VEKARIA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the tasks entrusted to Research and Development Establishment in regard to developing a heavy tank of the 1980 and an advance aircraft have not produced any result so far; and

(b) if so, the facts in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). Work on both projects is going on. It would not be in the public interest to disclose the details.

#### Quantity of Steel supplied to Gujarat

5676. SHRI ARVIND M. PATEL : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the total demand of steel of the Gujarat State for the year 1972-73;

(b) the total quantity supplied; and

(c) if it is less than the demand, the reasons for short supply?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): (a) and (b). Under the present policy, State-wise allocations of iron and steel are not made. Allocations of steel are regulated by the Steel Priority Committee after taking into account the end use for which steel is required, availability and the competing demands. It is, however, understood that during the year 1972-73, 2,88,954 tonnes of iron and steel were despatched to Gujarat State.

(c) Demand for steel is in excess of availability in respect of several categories. Steps taken to meet this situation include efforts to step up indigenous production by technological improvements; better industrial relations; improved maintenance of plant and