

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The details of production in Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. for the year 1973 are as follows:

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| (i) Railcoaches | 305 Nos. |
| (ii) Earth Moving Equipment. | 467 Nos. |

(b) The Railcoaches are sold to the Railway Board and the Earth Moving Equipment is sold to Government Departments, public sector undertakings as well as to private users.

Shifting of SAIL H.Qs. to Eastern India

9754. SHRIMATI ROZA DESHPANDE:
DR. RANEN SEN:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received requests from various people and organisations to shift the headquarters of S.A.I.L. to Eastern India;

(b) whether this would ensure its effective functioning and save expenditure on travelling; and

(c) if so, Government's decision thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): (a) In the recent past, a suggestion to this effect has been received from an employees' union.

(b) and (c). The headquarters of Steel Authority of India Ltd. have been located at New Delhi principally because its functions and activities as an organisation for ensuring coordinated development of the iron and steel and associated input industries necessitate close and constant liaison and coordination with the Ministry of Steel and Mines and other Ministries/Departments/agencies of Government. Besides, Chair-

man, Steel Authority of India Ltd., is also Secretary to Government in the Department of Steel.

Pay Scales of Pharmacists and Health Visitors

9755. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH BISHT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have improved upon the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission regarding the pay scales of Pharmacists;

(b) whether Government are also considering the desirability of improving upon the pay scales of Health Visitors; and

(c) if so, with what results?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU): (a) The matter regarding improvement in the pay scales of Pharmacists is under consideration.

(b) and (c). The pay scales of Lady Health Visitors already been improved upon in accordance with the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission. Representations have been received from Lady Health Visitors under C.G.H.S. for further enhancement of the scale.

Mineral Survey of U.P. Hill Districts

9756. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH BISHT: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any mineral survey of the 8 hill Districts of U.P. viz., Almora, Chamoli, Dehradun, Garhwal, Nainital, Pithoragarh, Tehri-Garhwal and