

Production in Public Sector Steel Plants

307. SHRI RAMSAHAI PANDEY :

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA :

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

(a) whether, of late there has been low production trends in the three public sector steel plants in the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The main reason for lower production has been the serious dislocation which the steel plants have had to face on account of dislocation in rail movement resulting from strike/agitation of Railway staff, necessitating the imposition of drastic cuts on production in keeping with the minimal flow of raw materials.

Talks with Prime Minister of Newzealand on Collective Security

308. SHRI H. N. MUKLRIJF : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Ministers of India and New Zealand have agreed on collective security; and

(b) if so, the gist thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

Incentives for Popularising Family Planning

309. SHRI PAMPAN GOWDA :

SHRI P. R. SHENOY :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating any incentives for popularising family planning; and

(b) the amount granted therefor to Karnataka State for Family Planning for the years 1974 to 1979 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI KONDAJJI BASAPPA): (a) The best incentive for family planning comes from socio-economic developments. Family Planning is, therefore, being promoted as part of a package of health, nutrition, education, social welfare, etc. No monetary incentive to individuals for popularising family planning other than the normal compensation for loss of wages etc., is under contemplation.

(b) The amount to be provided to Karnataka State for payment of compensation money will depend upon the performance under Family Planning.

Setting up of Heavy Industries in Backward Areas of Karnataka in Public Sector

310. SHRI PAMPAN GOWDA :

SHRI P. R. SHENOY :

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to instal any heavy industry during the next three years in Karnataka State in public sector, particularly in backward Districts; and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). There is no proposal to instal any heavy industry in Karnataka State in the Public Sector during the next three years.