

ply stainless steel to Meghalaya Industrial Enterprise, Barapani, in 1973. As regards imported stainless steel sheets necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Failure of Firms and Companies regarding payment of 8.33 per cent Bonus

1989. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of firms and companies who have failed to comply with Government regulations to give 8.33 per cent bonus to their employees during the year 1973-74; and

(b) the action taken by Government against these employers and the steps taken to enforce the rules in this regard strictly?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) and (b). No statutory provision has been made so far regarding payment of minimum bonus at 8.33 per cent in respect of accounting year commencing on any day in the year 1973. Informal advice has, however, been given very recently to the Central Employers' Organisations to pay minimum bonus at 8.33 per cent as was done in the two preceding accounting years. The question of amending, if necessary, the Payment of Bonus Act for this purpose is also under consideration.

World Population Year designated by U.N.O.

1990. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations has designated the year 1974 as World Population Year; and

(b) if so, what are the programmes drawn up by the Government to highlight the importance of population

problem and its importance in economic growth in the peculiar conditions of our country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI KONDAJJI BASAPPA): (a) Yes.

(b) Government of India will be participating in the World Population Conference.

In order to generate general awareness about the population problem, it has been decided to hold a National Population Conference in New Delhi in December, 1974. Hindustan Latex Limited is organising a Seminar on public sector concerns. Similar seminars are also going to be organised at various places in next four months by several organisations such as:

1. Family Planning Voluntary Organisations at Bombay.
2. International Institute for Population Studies at Bombay.
3. All India Panchayat Parishad at Allahabad.
4. By private sector distributing companies of Nirodh at Calcutta.
5. Indian Association for the Study of Population at New Delhi.

Apart from the various conferences, a commemorative stamp is going to be released on August 14, 1974 and also commemorative coins in three denominations are proposed to be issued.

All State Governments have been advised to draw up an appropriate programme for the occasion at the State, District and Block levels.

Office Building and staff Quarters for E.P.F. Office at Trivendrum

1991. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the further progress made in the construction of separate office