

lopment of major irrigation systems, small and medium industries, social services, trade, commerce and other tertiary and allied activities. Under the 20-Point Economic Programmes one of the measures taken to increase employment opportunities for educated young people is the vigorous implementation of the Apprentices Scheme, including the graduate engineers and diploma holders.

Reorganisation of Primary Health Centres and propagation of Family Planning among rural people

2853. SHRI BHAGIRATH BHANWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to reorganise the existing Primary Health Centres with a view to make the Family Planning Programme effective;

(b) whether it is also proposed to provide more resources to them; and

(c) whether any new methods are proposed to be adopted to educate thoroughly and effectively the illiterate rural people about the importance of family planning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A K M ISHAQUE) (a) Yes. Under the minimum needs programme, it is proposed to convert one out of every 4 P. H. Cs into a 30 bedded hospital. It is further proposed to equip 1000 Primary Health Centres during the 5th Five Year Plan period for providing facilities for tubectomy and M. T. P operations.

(b) During the year 1976-77, a provision of Rs. 40 lakhs has been made for providing Central assistance to State/Union Territories for renovation of labour rooms and purchase of equipment for P. H. Cs.

(c) A multi-media motivational campaign is being launched to carry the family planning message to the people in all parts of the country.

Accidents in Khetri Copper Complex

2854. SHRI SHIVNATH SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether production in sulphuric acid plant of Khetri Copper Complex was stopped for a week or so due to fatal accidents on 13th March, 1976;

(b) if so, the loss of production and action taken against the officers responsible for the same; and

(c) the number of accidents in Khetri Copper Complex during March, 1976 in mines and plants and reasons for these accidents and responsibilities fixed therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD). (a) No, Sir

(b) There was no loss of production on account of the accident and hence the question of taking action against any officer does not arise

(c) During the month of March, 1976 there was one fatal accident in the Sulphuric Acid Plant of Khetri Copper Project. The accident occurred on 13th of March when one junior Technician (Electrical) by mistake opened/touched live panel of 11 KV incoming feeder. As a result he and an apprentice, Electrical Trade, standing beside him, received severe flash burns. The junior Technician (Electrical) died in the hospital on 17th March, 1976. The apprentice Electrical Trade, however, recovered from the accident.

An enquiry on the fatal accident has been instituted. Apart from the

fatal accident mentioned above and minor first-aid-cases, there were 5 accidents in the month of March, 1976 at Khetri & Kolihan Mines.

Out of the 5 accidents in the mines, 4 were due to the negligence of the persons involved in the accidents and one due to the negligence of a co-worker. Brief details of these 5 accidents are given below:

A. Khetri Mine:

1. While tightening the jack, one equipment piece slipped and fractured the ring finger of a Miner.

2. While shifting longhole machine rig, one loose bar fell down from bottom sub-level and hit a Miner causing fracture to nasal bone and teeth

3. While going up in the Alimak Raise Climber, a Blaster's left hand got caught in between pinion teeth and guide rail causing fracture to his left hand index and middle fingers.

B. Kolihan Mine:

1. While working on the long hole machine, the rod catcher fell down and the rods dropped causing injury to the left hand fore finger of a Miner

2. While hammering 'J' hook around a pipe the hammer struck on a Miner's right hand index finger and crushed the same.

Import of mild steel

2855. SHRI SAMAR GUHA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 770 on 18th March, 1976 regarding Export and Import of Steel during 1973-75 and state:

(a) the quantity and the value of the imported mild steel viz sheets, plates, strips and coils and certain varieties of tool alloys and special steel and stainless steel;

(b) the countries from which these steel products were imported;

(c) the break-up of the figures of such imports made by the public sector concerns and the private sector concerns; and

(d) whether such products are not available in India; and the steps taken or proposed to make India self-sufficient in production of such mild steel and steel alloys?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) The quantity and value of the imported steel during 1973-75 were as below:—

(Qty. in tonnes and value in Rs. lakhs)

	1973-74		1974-75	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Mild Steel	8,48,381	1,75,35	9,56,873	2,97,39
High Carbon Steel	93,655	20,35	1,59,492	49,06
Alloy Steel (including stainless steels)	79,515	41,73	81,611	62,88