

(a) whether the Indian banks have a proposal to introduce an air courier system in four metropolitan cities to facilitate quicker clearance and cashing of cheques ;

(b) whether the proposal has been accepted by the workshop on customer service organised by the National Institute of Banking Management in Madras in December, 1969 ; and

(c) how far it is going to expedite the matters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) and (b). The Workshop on Customer Service organised by the National Institute of Bank Management had recommended the adoption of an 'air courier system' to the metropolitan cities for quicker clearance and cashing of cheques. The recommendation is under the examination of the Indian Banks' Association.

(c) The adoption of the 'air courier system' will reduce the time lag between acceptance of cheques by customers in metropolitan cities, their collection and eventual payment to the parties concerned.

Dealings with Trade Unions at Khetri Copper Project

13. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of the Khetri Copper Project is carrying on all dealings, meetings and even negotiations with INTUC Union, which is not recognised;

(b) whether it does not amount to encouragement to the said Union to grow; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI JAGANATH RAO) : (a)

The Khetri Copper Project has three unions, namely ;

- (1) Rastriya Khetri Tamba Project Mazdoor Sangh (RKTPTS),
- (2) Hindustan Copper Workers' Association (HCWA) and
- (3) Bhartiya Tamba Pariyojna Mazdoor Sangh (BTPMS).

The membership of different unions has not been verified, but RKTPTS appears to have largest membership followed by H.C.W.A. The membership of B.T.P.M.S. does not appear to be much.

R.K.T.P.M.S. is the oldest union and is affiliated to INTUC. It was accorded recognition on 9.9.1966. Affiliation of HCWA is not known. BTPMS is affiliated to Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh.

As RKTPTS is the oldest union having largest following, most of the issues are raised by this union and are accordingly discussed with them. In view of this, most of the settlements have been signed with this union. Representations from the other two unions are also duly considered and discussions/negotiations, wherever necessary are held with them also. Presently, all the three unions mentioned above have formed a Joint Action Committee for discussions with the management.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

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