

(b) what measures the Ministry propose to reduce the consumer price index for industrial workers in coming months?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY):

(a) The Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial Workers reflect changes in the level of retail prices of selected goods and services consumed by these workers in different centres. The All-India Index is an average of monthly indices of 50 industrially important centres. While indices for majority of these centres (including Kanpur, Alleppey, Delhi and Bombay) have fallen from June, 1975, the trend has been marked in respect of some centres (Hyderabad, Jharia, Srinagar, Amritsar, Asansol Calcutta and Howrah) due to increase in the prices of certain items of consumption at these centres.

(b) Government is keeping a constant watch over the price situation and appropriate measures are taken as and when necessary to check any undue price rise of consumer articles.

Payment of Bonus by Swadeshi Cotton Mills Co. Ltd. Kanpur

1431. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Swadeshi Cotton Mills Co. Ltd. Kanpur has not paid bonus to its employees for the year 1974 so far;

(b) if so, the amount of bonus and when it was to be paid;

(c) the reasons for non payment of bonus to the employees; and

(d) the action taken to ensure immediate payment of bonus due to the employees?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY):

(a) to (d). According to the information received from the State Labour

Commissioner, Swadeshi Cotton Mills Co. Ltd., Kanpur have not paid bonus for the accounting year 1974-75 payable by last November. The employers had sought on the 17th October, 1975 extension of time for payment of bonus. Their application was rejected on 31st December, 1975. The amount involved is about rupees eight lakhs. Action for prosecution of the management is being considered by the State Government who are the appropriate Government under the Act.

Talks between India and Egypt on Nuclear Cooperation

1432. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has recently discussed with Egyptian Officials the possibility of nuclear cooperation between the two countries; and

(b) if so, outcome of the discussions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

तंजानिया के साथ आर्थिक तथा तकनीकी समझौता

1433. डा० लक्ष्मी नारायण पांडेय : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि 2 जनवरी, 1976 को भारत और तंजानिया के बीच संपन्न आर्थिक तथा तकनीकी समझौते की मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री बिपिन पाल दास) : तकनीकी, आर्थिक एवं वैज्ञानिक सहयोग विषयक भारत-तंजानिया संयुक्त आयोग की पहली बैठक 2 और 3 जनवरी 1976 को नई दिल्ली में हुई थी। इस विचार विनिमय के परिणामस्वरूप 3 जनवरी