

the birth rate to about 30 by 1982-83 and an operational programme designed to achieve that goal has been worked out. Intensive efforts are being made to check the population growth through a comprehensive educational and motivational programme. The governmental machinery available for the implementation of the programme in the States is being geared up and efforts are being made to involve voluntary organisations, labour organisations, employees organisations, co-operatives etc. in a co-ordinated programme.

Prime Minister has also written to Chief Ministers and they have assured to gear up the F.W. Programme. There is no need for new policy, the present policies and programmes being adequate for the purpose.

Revamping the Working of Employment Exchanges

*273. SHRI K. MAYATHEVAR:

SHRI P. S. RAMALINGAM:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of action taken to revamp the working of Employment Exchanges; and

(b) the earliest date by which concerted measures are proposed to be formulated and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) and (b). A Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri P. C. Mathew, former Labour Secretary is examining the working of the Employment Exchanges with a view to recommend measures for improvement of the facilities and for more effective use of the Exchanges. The recommendations of the Committee are expected shortly and the action for revamping the working of the Employment Exchanges will be

taken in the light of the recommendations of the Committee.

Bauxite Deposits in Orissa

*274. SHRI GANANATH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of bauxite deposits in the Western belt of Orissa;

(b) how these deposits are proposed to be utilised for industrial growth;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up an aluminium plant in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) Of the order of 1,000 million tonnes (all categories).

(b) and (c). A feasibility study for setting up an export-oriented alumina/aluminium plant based on Orissa bauxite deposits has been commissioned.

(d) Details regarding location of the plant, schedule of implementation, etc. would be known only after the feasibility study is completed towards the middle of 1979.

Joint working group for steel industry

*275. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer to reply given to Starred Question No. 47 on 23rd February, 1978 and state the action Government have taken or propose to take on the report of the Joint Working Group for steel industry?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): A number of meetings have been held with the group of leaders of the Central Trade Union Organisations to enable Government to take appropriate