

issue of special postage stamp in honour of Dr. Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar'. This is under examination.

There is no proposal at present for issuing a special stamp in honour of Shri Sri Prakasa.

Measures to check Lock-Outs and Retrenchments

*175. SHRI S. G. MURUGAIYAN:
SHRIMATI PARVATHI
KRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported mass lock-outs and retrenchments in various States and Union territories during the last two or three months throwing thousands of workers unemployed; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the remedial measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR
(SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a)
Yes, Sir.

(b) Complete statistics on the subject have not yet been received from all the State Governments/Union Territories. Wherever necessary the Government is intervening in disputes with a view to promoting settlement. The Government are also proposing to make changes in the law relating to industrial relations and for this purpose are setting up shortly a tripartite Committee, which is to report in a period of two months. The report of the Committee will enable Government to bring forward the necessary legislation on the subject.

Mining of Graphite

*176. SHRI P. THILAGARAJAN:
Will the Minister of STEEL AND
MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the places where graphite is mined on a large scale;

(b) whether the mining of graphite in Sivaganga of Ramnad District, Tamil Nadu is considered to be adequate exploitation of the potential in that area; and

(c) if not, steps contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND
MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK):

(a) Bolangir district of Orissa is the principal mining centre for graphite in the country. There are also, certain other areas in Orissa, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan where graphite is being mined.

(b) and (c). Graphite is not being mined in Sivaganga area of Ramnad district, at present. However, the graphite potential of that area appears to be adequate to support a medium sized graphite beneficiation and crucible plant. The Government of Tamil Nadu are examining the question of exploiting these graphite deposits.

Victimisation of Employees of Lady Hardinge and Kalawati Saran Hospitals

*177. SHRI GANGADHAR APPA
BURANDE: Will the Minister of
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Lady Hardinge and Kalawati Saran Hospitals' Employees Union, Delhi have submitted a memorandum regarding incidents of victimisation;

(b) if so, whether an impartial inquiry has been ordered against the guilty officials; and