

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 atten-
tion 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 un-
employed; 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 sub-
ject have not yet been received from
all the State Governments/Union
Territories. Wherever necessary the
Government is intervening in dis-
putes with a view to promoting
settlement. The Government are
also proposing to make changes in
the law relating to industrial rela-
tions 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 Com-
mittee will enable Government to
bring forward the necessary legisla-
tion 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 ade-
quate 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, cer-
tain other areas in Orissa, Bihar,
Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajas-
than 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 ap-
pears 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 memo-
randum regarding incidents of victi-
misation;

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

(c) whether the dismissed and suspended officials of the above mentioned hospitals have been taken back on duty?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAIN): (a) Memorandum dated 5th March and another dated 18th April, 1977 were received alleging incidents of victimisation against staff members of various categories employed in Lady Hardinge and Kalawati Saran Hospitals.

(b) Action to remove twelve employees from service mentioned in the memoranda was taken in pursuance of the findings of the enquiry officers. However, these cases will be reviewed to ascertain whether any of them fall in the category of 'Excess during Emergency', and if so, suitable action will be taken. The officials against whom enquiries were pending and who were under suspension, have been permitted to rejoin duty during the course of the enquiries.

(c) The employees removed from service have not been taken back. However, the suspension order in respect of 9 officials have been withdrawn.

Meeting of Developed Nations in London

*178. SHRIMATI MRINAL GORE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the recent meeting of seven developed nations held in London;

(b) whether this meeting has white-washed the demand of the developing nations for a new economic order; and

(c) if so, steps taken by Government in consultation with other developing nations to press for new eco-

nomical order on the developing nations?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) White washing may be a rather strong word, though I would readily concede that the progress in the direction of creating a New International Economic Order is painfully and disappointingly slow. The London Summit recognised that "world economy can only grow on a sustained and equitable basis if developing countries share in its growth." Its Communique also said that "the well-being of the developed and the developing countries are bound up together". While recognising the principle of inter-dependence, which is one of the main elements of the New International Economic Order, there is strong resistance to following through with the basic restructuring of international economic relations which is essential for the creation of such an Order.

(c) A meeting of the Group of 77 is likely to take place in September this year to consider what further steps the developing countries can take in their struggle for the establishment of the New International Economic Order.

झुग्गी झोपड़ी निवासियों के लिए चलते फिरते औषधालय

*179. श्री ईश्वर चौबरी :
श्री जी० वाई० कृष्णन

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार का विचार बड़े शहरों के झुग्गी-झोपड़ी निवासियों को चिकित्सा सुविधायें देने के लिए चलते-फिरते औषधालयों की व्यवस्था करने का है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो तत्सम्बन्धी संक्षिप्त विवरण क्या है ?