

**CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Roaster Plant of Zinc Smelter, Udaipur closes down very frequently, if so, the causes thereof ;

(b) the sulphur consumed each time to restart the plant and the expenditure involved thereon ;

(c) the estimated loss in production due to its frequent closure during the last six months ;

(d) whether it is proposed to make some technical enquiry in this respect and the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to remove the defects of the Roaster Plant ; and

(e) the time by which the defects are likely to be removed ?

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

(a) It is not true that the Roaster Plant closes down very frequently but whenever there is any trouble in ancillaries connected with the entire Roasting Section, viz., Waste-heat boiler and Acid Plant or calcine handling system, the plant is shut down for short durations to take care of the emergency maintenance. Frequent power failures also result closures of the Roaster.

(b) According to the technical consultants' advice and the procedure laid down for restarting the operation of the Roaster Plant in case of a shut down, it is necessary in order to get back the heat (proper temperature) to use sulphur in raw form. Its quantity generally depends on the duration of shut down and the nature of the troubles in the connected plants. However, approximately 1.5 to 2 tonnes of sulphur is required whenever temperature drops below 750° C due to shut down. The expenditure on sulphur burning for restarting the Roaster is estimated at about Rs. 600/-.

(c) The Zinc Smelter is working at 70% of its rated capacity since September, 1968. There is a Calcine storage provision after the Roaster Section which enables the Electrolysis Plant to continue in opera-

tion during short stoppage of the Roaster Unit. No loss of production can therefore be ascribed to the shut downs referred to above which are for accidental repairs or planned preventive maintenance or due to power failures.

(d) and (e). It has been confirmed by the Hindustan Zinc Ltd. management that there is nothing fundamentally wrong with the Roaster Plant. Certain mechanical repairs found necessary have since been attended to and it has been reported that the Roaster has been recommenced and is functioning normally. It is not, therefore, considered necessary to make any technical enquiry in this regard.

**सरकारी उपक्रमों में कर्मचारियों की बहाली पदोन्नति तथा बर्खास्तगी संबंधी नियम**

\*313. श्री दा० ना० तिवारी : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकारी उपक्रमों में कर्मचारियों की बहाली, पदोन्नति तथा बर्खास्तगी के नियमों के संबंध में सितम्बर, 1969 के प्रथम सप्ताह में किसी संसद् सदस्य ने पत्र लिखकर कोई सुझाव दिया था ;

(ख) क्या व्याप्त अनियमितताओं तथा मनमाने कार्यों का इस पत्र में कोई उल्लेख था ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री प्र० चं० सेठी) : (क) से (ग). माननीय सदस्य महोदय ने स्वयं ही प्रधान मंत्री और पेट्रोलियम तथा रसायन मंत्री को पत्र भेजे थे, जिनमें सरकारी उद्यमों के प्रबन्ध के कुछ पहलुओं जैसे नियुक्तियों, भरती और पदोन्नति-नीति के बारे में तथा सरकारी उद्यमों के लिये सेवा आयोग नियुक्त करने के प्रश्न पर कुछ विचार प्रकट किये गये थे ।

इन सुझावों की, सम्बद्ध नीति विषयक फ़ैसलों के सन्दर्भ में जांच की गयी है, जिनमें से कुछ फ़ैसले प्रशासनिक सुधार आयोग की सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रम संबंधी रिपोर्ट में की गयी सिफारिशों को देखते हुए किये गये थे।

इस पत्र में कर्मचारियों संबंधी मामलों के बारे में मनमाने और अनुचित फ़ैसलों के उन आरोपों का उल्लेख भी किया गया था, जो सदस्य महोदय के ध्यान में लाये गये थे। इसमें एक कर्मचारी उद्यम में की गयी एक विशेष नियुक्ति का विशिष्ट रूप से उल्लेख किया गया था। हालांकि यह नियुक्ति सम्बद्ध निगम के स्वायत्त नियंत्रण संबंधी अधिकार क्षेत्र में आती है, फिर भी सदस्य महोदय का उक्त पत्र मिलने पर मंत्रालय ने इस संबंध में पूछताछ की थी। मंत्रालय को सूचित किया गया है कि जिस अधिकारी-विशेष की नियुक्ति की गयी थी उस का नाम चुने हुए उम्मीदवारों की सूची में सबसे पहला था और वैसे भी उसे इस नियुक्ति के लिये उपयुक्त समझा गया था।

**Rise in prices of various commodities and raw materials**

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SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM ;  
SHRI R. K. AMIN ;  
SHRI MAHENDRA MAJHI ;  
SHRI D. AMAT :**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been enormous rise in prices of various commodities and raw materials during July/August 1969;

(b) whether the attention of Government has been invited in this regard to a survey conducted by the 'Economic Times' and published in that paper of the 7th September, 1969;

(c) whether Government have assessed as to the aggregate rise in the family budget

as a result of increase in the prices of various edible commodities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) :** (a) No, Sir. The monthly average of the wholesale price index rose by 1.5 per cent in July 1969 but declined by 0.2 per cent in August 1969. Similarly in the case of industrial raw materials, the price rise of 2.7 per cent in July, 1969 was followed by a decline of 2.7 per cent in July 1969 was followed by a decline of 1.7 per cent in August 1969.

(b) Government has seen the "Commodity Prices Survey : August 1969" which was published by the Economic Times in its issue of 5th September 1969 and not 7th September, 1969.

(c) and (d). The available information is based on the all India industrial workers consumer price index. During the three months to which the latest data relate (i. e. July to September 1969) the index number of consumer prices (1960-100) remained stable at 179.

**Visit by World Bank Appraisal Mission to India**

\*315. **SHRIMATI SHUSHILA ROHATGI :**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank Appraisal Mission visited India in January/February, 1969;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations suggested by this mission; and

(c) how far the World Bank Loan will meet the immediate requirements for expansion plans ?

**THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINISTER OF ACADEMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI INDRA GANDHI) :**  
(a) Yes, Sir;

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