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LOK SABHA

Thursday, May 11, 1972, Vaisakha 21,
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[Mr. SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBER SWORN

Shri Sangliana (Mizoram)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Representation from Hanoi/Saigon

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*781. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH :
SHRI NIHAR LASKAR :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India as Co-chairman of International Control Commission has received any representation either from Hanoi or Saigon with respect to the developing situation due to heavy bombing and invasion ; and

(b) if not, whether Government of India is closely watching the situation in both the wings and making its own assessment ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). Government of India have received communications from both Hanoi and Saigon apprising them of the respective viewpoints regarding the situation at present developing in Vietnam. The Government are keeping a close watch on the situation and making its own assessment from time to time.

SHRI RAJDEO SINGH : The situation when the question was tabled was different and today the whole of Vietnam is on fire. In the context of that situation I want to know if the ICC has still any role to play in Vietnam and whether South Vietnam has now given any facility for the Commission to function there.

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH : As the House is, no doubt, aware, the International Control Commission was set up by the Geneva Conference in 1954 and the main function of the Commission was to supervise peace and the implementation of the agreement of 1954. The Commission was to supervise peace and not war. The House is aware that there is a shooting war going on at the moment in Vietnam. In the present situation the International Control Commission cannot have any effective role to play.

SHRI RAJDEO SINGH : After this conflagration, I think, South Vietnam would not exist after a week. I want to know why the ICC has been kept alive when there is no function to perform.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : All the parties are interested in keeping it alive and we are going along with it.

SHRI NIHAR LASKAR : Besides condemnation of the latest action of President Nixon, which is bound to lead to a world conflict, I want to know what positive steps the Government of India is going to take in this matter. Our nation is a major nation in the Asian region. In view of this, I think, we cannot simply sit and shut our eyes to this problem. So, I would like to know why India is not taking a lead to mobilise world opinion for a negotiated settlement of this crisis.

SHRI SWARAN SINGH : The fact that this Parliament is seized of it and a statement has been made on our behalf, does contribute to mobilisation of world opinion. We must see the realities of the situation. Even those parties that are directly concerned are treading

warily. The issues involved are very grave, and we should not rush to concrete ideas till we know a little more about the direction in which the situation is moving. It is a very serious situation.

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Have the Government of India consulted the Soviet Union on these latest developments, and if there has been any consultation will the Minister tell us as to what is the result of that consultation?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH : There is no question of consultation with USSR, although there have been exchanges of views about the situation.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : अध्यक्ष जी, इंटरनेशनल कंट्रोल कमीशन का काम था युद्ध-विराम की देखभाल करना। अब वहाँ युद्ध हो रहा है तो इस से कंट्रोल कमीशन की भूमिका बढ़ती है या घटती है, कमीशन की उपयोगिता बढ़ गई है या कम हो गई है?

दूसरा प्रश्न—

to the PRG so that not only the International Commission will function there but world opinion also can be mobilised in favour of Vietnam.

MR. SPEAKER : How is it relevant ?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH : I don't think the premises on which the latter part of the question is based is correct. We have not taken any side, we have taken a dispassionate view of the situation and expressed ourselves in a forthright manner in accordance with what we appreciate to be the real facts of the situation.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : What about the withdrawal of the recognition of the Saigon Government ?

MR. SPEAKER : How does that arise ?

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : It is a fact. Whether they have taken a decision or not, let him say 'No'.

श्री रा

over into 4 million tonnes, which we hope will be in 1975-76, except for the 5 stand tandem mill which according to our programme will come into operation in 1978.

SHRI G. VISWANATHAN : In view of the fact that the revised estimate has gone up by more than Rs. 80 crores, I want to know from the hon. Minister whether a report was submitted by Dastur and Co. for cost reduction and also whether it was not accepted or implemented by the Bokaro Steel and the reasons therefor ?

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM : Taking into consideration whatever report was submitted by Dastur and Co., we have made our own estimates about the increase in cost. But the hon. Member would appreciate that the increase in cost is almost entirely in relation to escalation in cost of supplies from companies or public sector projects in our country ; The Heavy Engineering Corporation alone accounts for an increase of Rs. 45.23 crores. The Instrumentation, Kotah accounts for Rs. 6.21 crores. The Bharat Heavy Electrical accounts for Rs. 4.46 crores. So far as increase in steel prices is concerned, that has led to an escalation of Rs. 10.34 crores. Increase in wages consequent on implementation of the wage award and governmental action is

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप तो भाषण में पड़ गए।

श्री राम कंबर : कुछ हमारे पत्रकारों ने हाल ही में लिखा है कि बड़ी-बड़ी...

अध्यक्ष महोदय : पत्रकारों की जरूरत नहीं है। आपका प्रश्न हो गया है।

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : I am afraid that part of the question of the hon. Member is not covered by the main question. So far as the return of the refugees is concerned, hardly a few hundred refugees came back to India and they were sent back. Regarding the price level and other things as reported in the press, I have no machinery to verify them. They are just press reports. Beyond that, I cannot say anything.

SHRI PILOO MODY : What about their return ?

MR. SPEAKER : How does it arise out of this ?

SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR : Anyway, I have no information.

International Conference on the Law of the Sea

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*784 SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA :

SHRI BHAGIRATH BHANWAR :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state ;

(a) whether India is participating in the International Conference on the Law of the Sea about the Malacca Straits controversy ;

SHRI G. VISWANATHAN : I want to know from the Minister whether we want the Straits of Malacca to be kept as international waters and, if so, what initiative are we going to take of the fact that both those countries, Indonesia and Malaysia, are going to extend their territorial waters ?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH : This is a highly technical and a very complicated legal matter, and it requires a deep study and examination. It would not be proper for us to make our views known at this juncture. We are giving attention to it and it is being examined by us, and when the question is taken up at the conference, we will express our view on this matter.

Association of Labour in Public Undertakings in Steel

*785. **SHRI S. N. MISRA :** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any steps have been taken to associate labour

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGA-LAM : Nothing is outside the purview of these production committees. Matters of promotion are sometimes raised even there. But broadly these are matters which are taken up usually between the recognised unions, sometimes unrecognised unions, and the management and workers discuss them, though ultimately the decision in matters like this has to be the decision of the management.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : It is evident from the statement that in Bhilai bipartite central production departmental committees had been formed and similar committees had been formed in Rourkela. The hon. Minister explained that because of trade union rivalry in Durgapur it has not been formed. I should like to know from him whether on the basis of the report of the Public Undertakings Committee any decision had been taken by the Government, especially by his Ministry, to include workers' representatives on the HSL board as such?

SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGA-LAM : The hon. Member is as aware as I am that this proposal was made by the Government to the representatives of the unions

the large-scale unemployment created by this power shortage ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by the State Government, the workers have been laid off from 18th March, 1972 in area other than Ahmedabad and from 13th April, 1972 in area including Ahmedabad City also. The number of workers affected varied from day to day. The total number of man-days lost due to lay-off given to workers comes to 77967.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

SHRI P. M. MEHTA : The hon. Minister has stated that the number of workers varied from day to day. Keeping this in view, may I know from the hon. Minister the average number of workers inclusive of Ahmedabad city who were rendered unemployed due to non-supply of

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) to (c) Our relations with Egypt are close and cordial. Both Governments are in constant touch with each other and hold discussions at various levels on international issues of common interest on which we share a large identity of views.

We seek to develop further our commercial and economic exchanges, and our trade turnover in the past year exceeded Rs. 80 crores. There is an agreement for cooperation in the field of science and technology and a technical training programme under the ITEC, which are proceeding satisfactorily. In the cultural field also we intend to finalise shortly a cultural exchange programme for the coming year.

Our overall relations with Egypt are thus showing fruitful results with good prospects of further development in the future to the mutual benefit of both countries.

SHRI K. MALI ANNA : After the recent war, the relations between Egypt and India were not so cordial. Egypt is considered to be one of the progressive countries in the Arab world. Was there any exchange of either cultural or social or technical delegations between these two countries or

talking about political parties. हम को तो एक बीजा भी नहीं देते हैं।

श्री स्वर्ण सिंह : आप जहाँ का चाहेंगे, आप को बीजा देंगे।

SHRI PILOO MODY : I want a one-way visa.

SHRI SWARAN SINGH : I have not seen that statement of Shri D. P. Dhar. So, I cannot make any useful comment about that.

SHRI PILOO MODY : Then why talk about political parties.

SHRI SWARAN SINGH : That was in reply to the second part of the question which probably he did not hear.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAJEE : That statement applies only to political parties or government officials also

visit of President Nixon, in a few months' time the attitude of the Japanese Government has changed. This was stated by the Foreign Minister of Japan.

MR. SPEAKER : The reply makes it very clear that they are not contesting it.

PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Is the Minister of External Affairs aware of the Japanese Prime Minister's statement that formerly Japan had agreed to such an Asian Pact on the suggestion of Soviet Russia and, later on, there has been a shift in the stand ?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH : I cannot give any useful information on that because in Foreign Offices of all countries they make assessment and change the assessments and it is difficult for me to keep a track of all that is happening in the Japanese Foreign Office.

SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO : I would like to know the views of the Government of India with regard to the statement by the Japanese Foreign Minister. I would pointedly like to ask whether the Government of India is also of the view that there

grateful to the Minister for having accepted it beforehand.

MR. SPEAKER : I wish, you could put your question before the Question Hour was over.

SHRI RANABAHADUR SINGH : I was just wishing to draw the attention of the Government whether it would consider taking these Namasudras into the fold of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

MR. SPEAKER : He has replied to it already. There is no distinction.

श्री अरविन्द नेताम : अध्यक्ष महोदय, अभी मंत्री महोदय ने बताया कि 25 प्रतिशत स्थानीय आदिवासियों के लिए फंड दिया गया है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि बस्तर जिले में, जहाँ, दण्डकारण्य क्षेत्र है, वहाँ जो 25 प्रतिशत धनराशि आदिवासियों के लिए दी गई है, क्या उसका उपयोग किया गया है, क्या इस की जांच की गई है ?

श्रमिक शिक्षा क्षेत्रीय केन्द्र 31-12-1972 से बन्द कर दिया गया था क्योंकि उक्त केन्द्र के कार्यकलाप के आधार पर इस बात का औचित्य नहीं रहा था कि उसे उम दिनांक के बाद जारी रखा जाए।

Rise in Price of Coal after Nationalisation of Coking Coal Mines

*796. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether coal prices have increased after the nationalization of coking coal mines in Bihar ; and

(b) if so, the measures Government propose to take to check the rise in price ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MO

have destroyed and set-on fire temporary shops and residential sheds at Bisra Chowk, Rourkela-1 (Orissa) on the 17th April, 1972 causing loss and damage to the tune of lakhs of rupees, thus rendering thousands of people home-less; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take against the persons responsible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) No sir. The Estate Department of Rourkela Steel Plant does not have any Armed Police.

In pursuance of a decision taken at a meeting attended by the District authorities, a clearance drive for removal of unauthorised encroachments was launched by the Town Administration Department of Rourkela Steel Plant on 17.4.72 with the assistance of the local Police Authorities and Magistracy. The encroachers voluntarily left with their belongings and there was no violence. The land encroached upon was subsequently levelled. Only in one case, the hawkers who were running a temporary restaurant, on seeing the Police and Magistrate approaching the spot, himself set fire to his thatched

		Rs per tonne
Selected Grade from M.P. and other outlying fields		0 16
(iii) <i>From 1.1.1972</i>		
(1) <i>Bengal-Bihar fields</i>		
Selected 'A' Grade	Rs 2.01	Additional price of Re. 0.25 per tonne payable if the coal loading at the end of 1972 is adjudged not satisfactory.
Selected 'B' Grade	Rs. 1.92	
Grade I	Rs. 1 73	
Grade II	Rs 1 46	
(2) <i>Singareni Coalfields</</i>		

to state :

(a) whether U.S.A. has augmented and doubled the force of the Seventh Fleet in one of the biggest naval build-up in Indo-China War ; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto as Chairman of I.C.C. in Indo-China ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Government of India have seen press reports to this effect.

(b) The present situation developing in Vietnam is such that I.C.S.C. in Vietnam, can do hardly anything about it. Government deplore the recent escalation in the situation and the bombing of innocent people in inhabited localities in particular.

Expenditure incurred by State Government for Bangladesh Evacuees

(b) The number of pending cases establishment-wise, district-wise and industry-wise is given in the statements, I to III laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. LT-2006/72].

(c) and (d) Prosecutions are launched under Section 14 of the Employees Provident Fund Act, 1952 only after obtaining approval of the State Government. If the defaults are rectified, as a rule, the prosecution cases are withdrawn provided the State Government also agree to such withdrawals.

**Help to Nepal in Building Road Linking
Bhairwa with Lumbini**

5781. SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI :
SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to help Nepal

कच्चे जस्ते का आयात

5785. डा० लक्ष्मी नारायण पाण्डेय : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार कच्चे जस्ते का आयात बन्द करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) क्या देश में इस आवश्यकता की पूर्ति राजस्थान में प्राप्त होने वाले जस्ते से की जायगी ; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो राजस्थान स्थित देवदी संयंत्र की वर्तमान उत्पादन क्षमता कितनी है और देश की जस्ते की वार्षिक आवश्यकता कितनी है ?

इस्पात और खान

(d) the countries to which this has been exported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b). M/s. Indian Metals and Ferro-Alloys Limited, Therubali, Distt. Koraput, Orissa were granted an Industrial Licence on 20-7-1970 for the expansion of their capacity from 7,200 to 12,600 tonnes per annum of ferro-silicon. The party's request for further expansion of their capacity to 29,600 tonnes per annum is under consideration,

(c) It is understood from the Company that they commenced production in April, 1967 Up to end of 1971 they produced 34,656 tonnes of ferro-silicon in all, of which about 3,095 tonnes was exported to Newzealand, Australia and Japan,

संसद् सदस्यों तथा दिल्ली के कार्यकारी पार

(b) if so, whether this will have any adverse effect on our policy in South East Asian region ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. It is only a bilateral arrangement for the coordination of border security measures along their common frontier in Borneo

Implementation of Recommendations of Expert Committee on Unemployment

5791 SHRI RAJENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the whole set of recommendations of the Committee on Unemployment will be implemented within the remaining two years of the Fourth Five

गणतन्त्र संघ, बंगला देश, ब्रिटेन, फ्रांस, अरब, मिश्र गणराज्य तथा पाकिस्तान की यात्रा की है। उन्होंने बंगला देश की तीन बार और सोवियत समाजवादी गणतन्त्र संघ की दो बार यात्रा की है। कुल मिलाकर छह भ्रमण हुए।

(ख) इन यात्राओं पर कुल मिलाकर 39,000 रुपये खर्च हुआ, जिसमें 14,00 रुपये की राशि विदेशी मुद्रा में खर्च हुई।

Smuggling on Indo-Bangladesh Border

5794. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE
SHARMA :
SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be

can do so on the strength of a simple document called "Certificate for Travel between India and Bangladesh". Such certificates are issued by all State Governments, Union Territory Administrations and the Government of India through the Regional Passport Office New Delhi. Indian nationals holding international passports can also travel to Bangladesh provided their passports are endorsed for Bangladesh.

(b) The requisite information is being collected.

अनुसूचित जातियों तथा अनुसूचित जन-
जातियों के बेरोजगार व्यक्तियों
के बारे में सर्वेक्षण

5797 श्री ओंकार लाल बरवा : क्या श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में बेरोजगार व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है, और

(b) and (c). According to press reports about 4000 persons were affected or perished in the earthquake. No further details have become available nor any assistance from the Government of India decided upon.

Demands of Bhopal Artisans Sangharsh Samiti of H.E.C., Ranchi

5800 SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINLS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bhopal Artisans Sangharsh Samiti of Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd. Ranchi-4 has submitted demands and grievances of Bhopal Artisans to the Managing Director through a letter dated the 28th March, 1972 ; and

(b) if so, the demands of the artisans and reaction of Management thereto ?

IHL MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHA

BILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether as far back as July, 1959 instructions were issued by the Chief Settlement Commissioner, Department of Rehabilitation to the Regional Settlement Commissioner, Rajasthan vide his letter No. F. 7/11/59-Policy II, dated the 8th July, 1959 that all pre and post-partition tenants of evacuee agricultural lands in districts other than Alwar and Bharatpur should be offered the lands in their occupation at the rate of Rs. 450 per standard acre ; and

(b) how much land has so far been offered to the eligible tenants in District Ganganagar in accordance with the above instructions and how much more land still remains to be offered and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. These instructions provided that land held by pre-partition tenants who had not acquired the occupancy rights and all post-partition tenants may be offered to them for sale at the rate of Rs

(b) Our Ambassador in Kuwait has been concurrently accredited as Ambassador to Qatar. He is expected to present his credentials shortly. A resident Mission is also to be established there soon.

Draft Moon Treaty in U.N. General Assembly

5807. SHRI P. GANGADEB :
SHRI SHRIKRISHAN MODI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state .

(a) whether Soviet Union has proposed a Draft Moon Treaty in U.N. General Assembly ;

(b) if so, whether India has supported this move ; and

(c) what are the India's views in this regard ?

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(ख) दो अतिरिक्त केन्द्र—एक बिहार में और एक उत्तर प्रदेश में—खोलने का प्रश्न विचाराधीन है।

(ग) इस अवस्था पर प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Reimbursement to States of Financial Assistance to People of Border Areas

5810. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VFRMA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state the amount reimbursed, State-wise, by the Government of India for the grant of financial assistance to the people of border areas, who were uprooted during the Indo-Pak war of 1971 ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : The State Governments have been authorised to incur expenditure for the provision of relief and rehabilitation facilities at the approved scales to the persons affected by the recent Indo-Pak hostilities. The expenditure

Use of Indian-made Cars by Indian Missions Abroad and Foreign Missions in India

5813. SHRI K. S. CHAVDA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the Indian Embassies, Mission and Government Trade Agents abroad use foreign cars ;

(b) the name of the Indian Embassies, Missions and the Government Trade Agents using indigenous cars ; and

(c) the names of the foreign Embassies, Mission in India using cars made in India ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

के पुनर्वास के लिए किए गए उपाय दिए गए हैं, संलग्न हैं।

(ख) बिहार के पूर्णिया जिले के मरंगा आवाजाही शिविर में बर्मा से स्वदेश लौटे 360 परिवार रह रहे हैं, इनमें 275 कृषक परिवार, 28 गैर कृषक परिवार तथा 57 स्थायी दायित्व श्रेणी के परिवार हैं।

कृषक परिवारों को बसाने के लिए खेती के लायक उपयुक्त भूमि ढूंढने के प्रयत्न किए जा रहे हैं। गैर कृषक परिवारों को कारोबार के लिए ऋण मंजूर करके बसाने का प्रस्ताव है। सरकारी और अर्ध सरकारी कार्यालयों में नौकरी दिलाने में भी सहायता दी जाती है।

विवरण

(ख) रोजगार कार्यालयों के जरिए केन्द्रीय सरकार के अधीन नियुक्तियों के लिए आयु सीमा में 45 वर्ष (अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जन-जातियों के लिए 50 वर्ष) तक के लिए छूट दी जाती है।

(ग) संघ लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा प्रतियोगी परीक्षाओं के परिणाम के आधार पर की जाने वाली नियुक्तियों में अधिकतम आयु सीमा में तीन वर्ष की छूट दी गई है। उचित मामलों में आयोग को परीक्षा शुल्क में छूट देने का अधिकार भी दे दिया गया है।

(घ) स्वदेश लौटने वालों को रोजगार सहायता देने के लिए मद्रास तथा विशाखापट्टनम् में रोजगार सम्पर्क अधिकारी नियुक्त किए गए हैं।

(ङ) स्वदेश लौटने

