

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Strikes in Public Sector Undertakings  
in 1971-72**

2704. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of labour strikes in different public sector undertakings all over India during the year 19/1-72 ; and

(b) the total number of working days lost due to these strikes ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R K KHADILKAR) : (a) and (b) According to available provisional information, the number of strikes in the public sector undertakings all over India during 1971 and the number of mandays lost due to these strikes was respectively 288 and 8,1,620.

**Shifting of I. C. C. Headquarters**

2705. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has put forward a proposal to shift the Headquarters of the International Control Commission from Saigon in view of the South Vietnam Government's decision not to renew the visas to its Indian members and officials ;

(b) if so, the reaction of other members to the proposal ; and

(c) what progress has been made in the efforts of Government to pursue this matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) to (c). The Government of India was considering various possible alternatives in consultation with the Co-chairmen and other supervisory powers, viz., Canada and Poland, in case the South Vietnamese Government did not renew the visas to the Indian Delegation. However, visas to the Indian Delegation members have since been renewed for approximately six

month's period and, therefore, there is no immediate proposal to consider shifting of the Commission Headquarters from Saigon.

**Asian Refractories Ltd.**

2706. SHRI SWARAN SINGH SOKHI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of share holders of Asian Refractories Ltd, which has recently been taken over by Government ; and

(b) how Government propose to compensate them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) In accordance with the Asian Refractories (Acquisition of Undertaking) Act of 1971, Government have acquired the Undertaking of Asian Refractories Ltd free from all.

(b) Does not arise

**Import of Iron and Steel from East  
European Countries**

2707. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any East European countries has offered to supply more iron and steel to meet the shortfall in our imports caused by the stoppage of American Economic Aid to India ; and

(b) if so, the names of those countries from whom Government propose to import steel on rupee payment basis ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b). No offer has been received from any East European Country for supply of additional quantities of steel specifically to meet the shortfall caused by the stoppage of American Economic Aid to India. However, the Trade Plan provisions for 1972 for import of steel from some of the East European countries are more than the provisions made for the year 1971.