

(b) whether Government has enquired into this matter; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) and (b). Government have seen newspaper reports to that effect. However, Government have no authentic information of Chinese Instructors training Pakistanis in guerilla warfare and subversive activities in Pakistan occupied Kashmir. Only normal military activity by Pakistan like improving defences has been noticed along the line of actual control in Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) Government are keeping a close watch on military developments in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir.

Jobs to local people in West Bengal

*800. **SHRI SAMAR GUHA:** Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a report published in 'Statesman', Calcutta dated the 22nd March, 1973 on page 5 with the heading "Sons of the Soil hold fewer jobs in the States";

(b) if so, whether Government figures agree with the report; and

(c) the main points raised in the report published in the same paper and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI RAGHUNATHA REDDY): (a) and (c). Government has no other information except the news item in question. A copy of the study referred to in the news item is yet to be received from the Government of West Bengal.

(b) Does not arise, as Government do not collect data by the State of origin of the employees.

Move from Tisco for Joint Sector

7536. **SHRI DHARAMRAO AFZALPURKAR:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any move from Tata Iron and Steel Company for joint sector; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): (a) There is no proposal from Tata Iron and Steel Company for bringing the existing company into the Joint Sector.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of Pellatisation Plant at Bailadila

7537. **SHRI G. C. DIXIT:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bailadila Iron Ore Project has given rise to huge quantities of iron ore fines and at present these are not being utilised in any way;

(b) whether N.M.D.C. have under consideration a proposal to set up a pellatisation plant at Baitadia based on the iron ore fines; and

(c) if so, what is the present stage of the proposal and by when the plant is likely to be set up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A Working Group set up by the Government is presently examining the proposal.

Indian Federation of Working Journalists Demand for third Wage Board For Working Journalists

7538. **DR. H. P. SHARMA:** Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Federation of Working Journalists at their 16th National Conference held on the 26th March, 1973 at Patna, demanded among others the appointment of a third wage board for a through revision of the existing pay scales