

**Policy on Wages, Prices and Income**

2268. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken to evolve a policy on wages, prices and income; and

(b) if so, the gist thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) and (b): The question of formulating a national wage policy is under Government's consideration.

**Expenditure on Research**

2269. SHRI DHARM VIR VASISHT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on research programmes under (a) Western System (b) Ayurvedic and Unani Systems and (c) Homoeopathic System during the present Fifth Five Year Plan upto 31-3-77; and

(b) whether Government propose to give more weightage to indigenous systems in the remaining part of the plan, with definite allocations, if any, fixed for the same?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAIN): (a) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

(b) Government are paying increasing attention to the development of Indian Systems of Medicine. While in the first Five Year Plan there was a provision of Rs. 40.00 lakhs only for the development of I.S.M. an outlay of Rs. 10.02 crores has been made for this purpose in the Central Sector of the Fifth Plan.

**स्टील अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड के कार्यकरण की जांच के लिए समिति नियुक्त किया जाना**

2270. डा० बापू कालदत्ते : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या स्टील अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड के कार्यकरण की जांच करने के लिए तीन सदस्यों की एक समिति नियुक्त की गई है,

(ख) इन सदस्यों के नाम क्या हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार को समिति का प्रतिवेदन प्राप्त हो गया है; और

(घ) उममें समिति द्वारा क्या मुख्य सिफारिशों की गई हैं ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री बीजू पटनायक): (क) में (घ). सरकार ने स्टील अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लि० के कार्य-करण की जांच करने के लिए कोई समिति नियुक्त नहीं की है। लेकिन अभी हाल में स्टील अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लि० के अध्यक्ष ने कंपनी के तीन पूर्णकालिक कार्यकारी निदेशकों नामतः सर्वश्री एम० पी० वधावन, ए० सी० बनर्जी और डा० एन० सी० वी० नाथ की एक आन्तरिक समिति बनाई है जो कंपनी के संगठनात्मक ढांचे का अध्ययन करेगी और यह देखेगी कि इसे कहां तक युक्तियुक्त बनाया जा सकता है।

**Reduction in mileage of workers Education tours**

2271. SHRI NATWARLAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mileage and duration of workers education tours have

been reduced during the period of emergency;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it has adversely affected the very purpose for which the scheme was introduced; and

(d) whether Government are planning to restore the previous arrangements?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) and (b). The Board of Governors of the Central Board for Workers' Education decided on 7-2-1976 that since study tours of unit level classes were not a part of the syllabus for worker trainees, it would be in the discretion of the managements to grant facilities for such tours and that if the tours were conducted they should be of 5 and not 7 days duration. Study tours of worker teacher trainees were a part of the syllabus but were restricted to 10 days instead of a fortnight. There was thus a reduction in the period of study tours but not in the mileage, which was 3,000 Kms. for the worker trainees and 5,000 Kms. for the worker teachers.

(c) and (d). As a result of representations received from various quarters on the subject, the Board decided in December, 1976 to restore the status-quo in respect of the study tours of the worker teacher trainees. On 7-4-1977 the Board has also decided to restore the earlier position in respect of the worker trainees in the unit level classes.

#### **Increase in Haj pilgrimage fares**

2272. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently increased Haj pilgrimage fares;

(b) if so, what is the increase; and

(c) whether Government are considering withdrawal of this increase in view of the increasing resentment among the pilgrims and hardships caused?

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

(b) The bunk class pilgrim fares on Mogul Line sailings for Haj passengers has been increased from Rs. 1700 to Rs. 2000.

(c) Representations and appeals have been received and the matter is under consideration.

#### **Shortage of trained nurses**

2273. SHRI SHAMBHU NATH CHAIURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is great shortage of trained qualified nurses in the country, particularly in the northern parts; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps Government have taken or propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAIN): (a) and (b). There is no shortage of trained nurses in the country. However, some shortage exists in certain States including northern States. The concerned States are taking steps to increase seats in training institutions.

#### **भारत तथा अन्य देशों में इस्पात के उत्पादन में तुलना**

2274. श्री हकमदेव नारायण यादव : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस्पात के उत्पादन में विश्व में भारत का स्थान कौनसा है;