

Programme of Bank of Maharashtra for Education of Wives of Bank Officials

5972. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bank of Maharashtra has an education programme to educate the wives of the Bank officials and has opened classes for this ;

(b) what type of education (special) is imparted to wives of the Bank officials ;

(c) the details thereof ; and

(d) whether the Bank appointed a former high Executive of the Bank as an adviser to this programme and if so, the details thereof including the remuneration paid ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY) : (a) to (c). Bank of Maharashtra has reported that it had conducted training programme of a short duration for the wives of its executives during the last few years. This programme was intended to impart an awareness of social service and motivate the wives of the executives to participate in bank's schemes for social objectives.

(d) The Course was conducted by M/s. Besant Raj Consultants (P) Ltd. during the years 1980, 1981 and 1982. From 1983 onwards, this programme is being conducted by the Faculty Members of the Staff College of the Bank. M/s Besant Raj Consultants (P) Ltd. were paid the following fees in addition to expenditure on hotel accommodation, conveyance etc.

1980 . . Rs. 27,957.00

1981 .. Rs. 14,812.30

1982 ... Rs. 10,071.00

Problems of Ship-Breaking Industry.

5973. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) what are the main problems facing the ship-breaking industry in Saurashtra;

(b) according to the representations received by Government, how many workers are effected ; and

(c) whether this problem has been further aggravated by the demand for retrospective excise duties ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) and (b). The shipbreakers of the Saurashtra region have represented that the shipbreaking industry in that region suffers from problems of inadequate infrastructural facilities, restriction in annual allotments of ships, inadequate availability of Oxygen and LPG, recent imposition of excise on scrap arising out of scrap ships etc. The total estimated number of workers employed in Alang and Sachana is about 9,000.

(c) Representations against retrospective imposition of excise duty on the arisings of shipbreaking have been received and the matter is presently under consideration of the Government.

Exemption of Excise Duty to Eastern Metal and Ferro-Alloys Ltd. Cuttack

5974. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Eastern Metal and Ferro-Alloys Limited, a factory located at Haridaspur, Cuttack, Orissa is manufacturing ferro-alloys using aluminothermic process without the aid of power.

(b) whether according to notification