

generation by DVC, installation of diesel generating sets, etc. to improve the coal production in the Bihar-Bengal belt which is the prime source of coking coal production in the country; and

- (vi) supplementing the indigenous availability by import of higher-grade, low-ash coking coal.

Excise Relief to Refrigeration Industry

1439. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Association has urged Government for excise cut on refrigeration industry; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The request of All India Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Association was examined by the Government, but it has not been possible to accede to it.

National Policy on Wages, Income and Prices

1440. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to formulate a national policy on wages, income and prices; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA): (a) & (b).

The new Government has not yet had occasion to consider and take a view on the wide range of issues relating to the formulation of a national policy on wages, incomes, and prices.

Pressure from Multi-Nationals Drug Firms to Lift Ban on Export of Rhesus Monkeys

1441 SHRI CHANDRABHAN AT-HARE PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that multi-national drug firms are putting intense pressure on Government to lift ban on the export of rhesus monkeys for warfare experiments; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government to save the monkeys from being subjected to cruel nuclear and napalm experiments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Representations have been received from importing countries for allowing export of rhesus monkeys from India for bio-medical research purposes and production of polio vaccines.

(b) There is no proposal at present to allow export of rhesus monkeys.

Income-Tax Payers below Rupees One lakh in Gujarat

1442. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many income-tax payers below Rupees one lakh are in Gujarat;

(b) how much amount is pending as dues and interest against them separately; and

(c) how much amount Government waived on original amount and interest, separately?