

(c) whether it is a fact that the personal assistant of a Zonal Manager in the L.I.C. gets more emoluments than the Zonal Officer; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remove the anomalies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA): (a) & (b) Yes Sir. However in the Memorandum Class I Officers have not demanded that they may be demoted.

(c) & (d) No Sir. There is no post of Zonal Officer in the L. I. C. The Hon'ble Member perhaps refers to the post of Zonal Manager. The personal assistant of the Zonal Manager however does not get more emoluments than the Zonal Manager.

Fixation of pay of Central Govt. Employees

2156. **SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pay once fixed in a particular post under the existing normal rules of F.R. for the non-Gazetted Central Government employees may be reduced or revised;

(b) if so, under what grounds;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) has any case of the non-Gazetted Central Government employees so far been decided by the Central Government in which the pay once fixed in a particular post under the existing normal rules of F.R. have been reduced and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The pay of a Government servant, including a non-gazetted Central Government employees, can be reduced as a result of penalty under Central Civil Service (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1966, or

in accordance with his own option. His pay can also be revised consequent upon general revision of scales of pay or when there is a revision of scale of pay of his post because of change in duties and responsibilities.

(c) Do not arise.

(d) There may have been cases where the pay of non-gazetted Central Government employees might have been reduced either as a measure of penalty or in accordance with their own option. No record of such cases is, however, kept centrally at one place in the Government.

Black Marketeers and Hoarders of Essential Commodities arrested in the Country

2157. **SHRI UTTAM BHAI PATEL:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons arrested for black marketing and hoarding during Janata-Lok Dal Rule that is 1st April, 1977 to 10th January, 1980; and

(b) quantity and value of the goods seized and action taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) & (b) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Implementation of prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980 in States

2158. **SHRI AHMED M. PATEL:**

SHRIMATI MOHSINA

KIDWAI:

SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the States have adopted Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980;

(b) if so, the names of the States which have not adopted;

(c) the number of persons detained under the law so far; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to put this law throughout the country compulsory?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES & STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The state Governments are required to enforce the provisions of the law enacted by Parliament and all the State Governments and Union Territories have been advised accordingly. The State Governments of West Bengal, Tripura and Kerala have expressed some reservations about implementation of Act. According to the latest information made available by the State Governments and Union Territories, 52 persons were detained under the Act.

Revised Wage Structures of Steel Plant Workers

2159. **SHRI ARJUN SETHI:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the revised wage structures of steel plant workers; and

(b) whether there has been any increase effected and if so, the details thereof, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES & STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) & (b) The wage of steel plants under SAIL were revised as per Memorandum of Agreement reached on 19th June, 1979 by the National Joint Consultative Committee for the Steel Industry for a period of four years w.e.f. 1-9-1978. The total wage consists of three components, viz., Basic Pay, Fixed D. A. and variable (adjustable) D. A. As a result of the revision, the minimum total wage of the lowest paid workers w.e.f. 1-9-1978 in the Steel Industry has been enhanced from Rs. 437.40 to Rs. 505/- at the CPI or 327 (Base 1960-100). During the earlier period of 1-9-1974 to 31-8-1978, the wages of the steel workers were governed as per the Agreement reached on 30th July, 1975. The details of the wage structure along with Dearness Allowance for the steel plant workers, before and after the revision, are given below:—

Period—1-9-74 to 31-8-78		Period—1-9-78 to 31-8-82	
Code No.	Scale of pay (Rs. per month)	Code No.	Scale of Pay (Rs. per month)
BASIC WAGE STRUCTURE :			
A. Works Grade			
P 1	300—6—348	S 1	400—8—488
P 2	310—7—352—8—400	S 2	410—9—473—10—543
P 3	330—9—420—10—440	S 3	430—12—514—13—605
P 4	355—11—487	S 4	455—14—552—15—658
P 5	390—15—570	S 5	490—20—630—21—777
P 6	430—20—670	S 6	530—26—804
P 7	490—21—595—24—763	S 7	590—27—775—30—989
P 8	550—28—718—32—910	S 8	650—33—881—37—1140
P 9	650—35—1000	S 9	750—40—990—42—1158