

Refractories project in Kerala

920. PROF. P. J. KURIEN :

SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

SHRI T. BASHEER :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Kerala have submitted a proposal to set up a special Refractories Project in the State sector with a tie-up with M/s. Bharat Refractories;

(b) if so, the details of the project; and

(c) the decision taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Kerala propose to establish a special refractories project in the State sector at Perumon in Quilon District. Technical assistance is planned to be provided by M/s. Tyazhpromexport of U.S.S.R. The project cost is estimated at Rs. 50 crores.

The proposed product-mix for the first phase consists of 9 types of refractory items totalling approximately 10,000 tonnes per annum.

(c) It is not considered feasible for Bharat Refractories Limited to tie-up with the State Government for this project due to financial and other constraints.

New wage policy for industrial workers

921. SHRI V. SOBHANA REESWARA RAO :

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any proposals to formulate a new wage policy for the industrial workers; and

(b) if so, whether productivity and other relevant factors will be kept in view while giving wage increase ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) No such proposal has been framed.

(b) Does not arise.

Loss to Madras Fertilizers Limited

922. SHRI G. S. BASAVARAJU :

SHRI S. M. GURADDI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Madras Fertilizers Limited, a public sector undertaking, has incurred a loss of Rs. 7.60 crores in 1985-86;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the same;

(c) whether Government propose to appoint any inquiry committees to find out the reasons for the loss; and

(d) the other measures Government propose to take to improve the working of the Company ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Company incurred loss mainly on account of equipment and contract labour problems, less sales and high inventory due to difficult market conditions arising out of unfavourable weather and non finalisation remuneration for handling pool fertilizers.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The equipment and contract labour problems have been attended to and rates