ताला आदि बनाने वालों को धातु की सप्लाई

6126. **श्री राम प्रसाद देशमुख :**
श्री सुरेन्द्र सिंह :
श्री मीठालाल पटेल : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अलीगढ़ में ताले, बिजली का सामान और भवन निर्माण सामग्री के निर्माताओं को पीतल, लोहा, इस्पात निकल प्लेट, टीन जस्ता स्लेब और अलुमिनियम प्राप्त करने में जो कि उक्त वस्तुओं के निर्माण में प्रयोग होते हैं सरकार ने क्या सुविधाएं दी है।

(ख) क्या सरकार को पता है कि ये धातुऐं आगरा से सप्लाई की जाती हैं जिससे निर्माताओं के सामने अनेक कठिनाइयां आती हैं और उन्हें अधिक खर्च करना पड़ता है ; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस मामले में क्या कार्यवाही किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री बीजू पटनायक) :(क) और (ख). देश में पीतल लोहे इस्पात, जस्ता और एल्यूमिनियम की काफी क्षमता और उपलब्धि है। ये साधारण माध्यमों से उपलब्ध हैं। कमी की हालत में इनके आयात की अनुमति दे दी जाती है। जहां तक निकल और टिन का सम्बध है, आयात नीति के अनुसार वास्तविक उपयोक्ताओं को उनका आयात करने की अनुमति है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Promotion from Junior Engineer to TES Group B and Quota for S.C. and S.T. in P. & T. Department

6127. SHRI R. L. KUREEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any list of promotion from Junior Engineer to the post of TES Group B has been drawn in P&T Department;

(b) if so, how many candidates have been promoted;

(c) how many Junior Engineers of SC/ST have been promoted; and

(d) whether reservation quota for SC/ST has been filled up and if not, who is responsible for that and what action is proposed to be taken against the erring officer/officers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BRIJ LAL VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of the select list of 898 candidates, first 500 have been promoted to Telegraph Engineering Service Group 'B'.

(c) Out of the first 500 candidates promoted, 18 belong to Scheduled Caste communities and none to Scheduled Tribe community.

(d) As per Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms' orders on the subject, quota of S.C. in the total select list of 898 comes to 135 and that of S.T. comes to 68. As only 23 suitable candidates of S.T. were available, the balance 45 of their quota has been added, as per existing rules to the 135 of S.C., thus bringing the total of the latter to 180. The number of selected candidates in the approved list therefore are:

Other communities . . .	695
Scheduled Caste . . .	180
Scheduled Tribe . . .	23

The list of approved candidates is valid for about 12 months. The first batch of 500 have been promoted; the remaining candidates are expected to get their promotions according to their rank in the select list as and when vacancies arise in the course of the year.

Increase in Steel Prices

6128. SHRI K MALLANNA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of different varieties of steel had gone up considerably during the recent years;

(b) if so, what has been the element of increase in prices of each variety of steel during each of the years from 1973-74 to 1976-77 over the prices prevailing in 1972-73; and

(c) the reasons for increase in prices?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) and (c). Except to compensate for the increase in excise duty and Railway freight from time to time and also to meet price hike in coal, there has been no increase in the J.P.C. steel prices since the dual pricing policy for the steel industry was adopted in October, 1973.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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अफ्रीकी देशों से निमंत्रण

6129. श्री राम प्रकाश त्रिपाठी : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उन्हें कुछ अफरीकी देशों से आमंत्रण प्राप्त हुआ है। यदि हां, तो उनके नाम क्या हैं;

(ख) क्या उक्त देशों के उनके सम्भाव्य दौरे का कार्यक्रम तैयार कर लिया गया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो कार्यक्रम में शामिल देशों के नाम क्या हैं ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री अटल बिहारी बाजपेयी) :

(क) जी हां । एसे देशों की सूची बनाना सम्भव नही है क्योंकि इनमें से अनेक निमंत्रण अनौपचारिक हैं ।

(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नही उठता ।

Omission of Saving Bank Account from Prize Incentive Scheme

6130. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any eligible Saving Bank accounts with the Post Offices have been omitted from the Draws under Prize Incentive Scheme;

(b) whether any complaints about such omissions have been received by the concerned Department;

(c) whether the departmental publicity announcements through the All India Radio adequately advised the eligible depositors to check Code Number allotted to them every six months, at the Post Offices;

(d) if the answers to part (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, what Government propose to do to inspire confidence in the scheme; and

(e) will Government consider allotting of permanent Code Numbers to save public from the inconvenience of checking Code Numbers every six months?