

Statutory Wage Board for selected Industries

7195. SHRI P. M. SAYEED:
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government are considering to set up Statutory Wage Board for selected Industries to minimise industrial unrest and enforce uniform wages, industry-wise;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed scheme;

(c) when the same is likely to be introduced; and

(d) whether this was also discussed in the State Labour Ministers' Conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) (a) to (d) The 31st session of State Labour Ministers' Conference held on July 19-20, 1980 recommended that the Central Government should bring forward an enabling legislation providing for setting up of statutory Wage Boards for fixation/revision of wages by Centre/State Governments for each major industry. It also recommended that the legislation should provide for a Central Advisory Board to coordinate functions of State Boards. The recommendation is under consideration of the Government.

Countries likely to join Non-Aligned Group

7196. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the concept of non-alignment is gaining strength in other countries; and

(b) if so, the countries which are likely to join the non-aligned nations group?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The Movement of non-aligned countries has grown from 25 countries, which attended the First Summit Conference in Belgrade in 1961 to 92 countries which attended the VI Summit Conference held in Havana in September, 1979. The Declaration adopted at the Havana Summit in September, 1979 stated *inter alia*: "It has been confirmed that the spirit of non-alignment constitutes, for an ever increasing number of countries, an indispensable alternative to the policy of total division of the world into blocs."

(b) It is not known at present as to how many and which countries will submit applications to join the Movement at the forthcoming Ministerial Conference of non-aligned countries to be held in New Delhi in early 1981.

Rise in incidence of Leprosy among Poorer Sections of Rural and Urban population

71797. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of leprosy is continually rising among the poorer sections of the rural and urban population;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any survey in these areas in this regard during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to give financial assistance to such members of the poorer sections of the society who are crippled or unfit to work because of the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.