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#### **Revision of Minimum Wages for Agricultural Labours**

1358. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are some States which have not revised the minimum wages for agricultural labourers in the last five years; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH): (a) and (b). According to available information the minimum wages for agricultural labourers have not been revised in the last five years in Assam. The State Government has been requested to take steps to revise the minimum wages.

#### **Dalai Lama's request for accepting Tibetan Refugees**

1359. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dalai Lama has stated that the Bhutanese authorities have softened their attitude towards Tibetan refugees;

(b) if so, whether some of the Tibetans have got the citizenship of Bhutan also and if so, the number thereof;

(c) whether the Dalai Lama has requested the Indian Government also to consider and accept Tibetan refugees; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Several thousand Tibetan refugees in Bhutan have got Bhutanese citizenship but their precise number is not known as yet.

(c) The Dalai Lama has requested that Tibetan refugees presently in Bhutan who have not accepted Bhutanese citizenship may be accepted for rehabilitation in India.

(d) The question of the possible rehabilitation in India of some of the Tibetan refugees who are presently in Bhutan is being considered by Government in consultation with all concerned.

#### **Setting up of Shipyard in Western Coast**

1360. SHRI AHMED M. PATEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to have shipyard for repairing ships in the Western Coast of the country; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard?

TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND (a) and (b). A 15 year Perspective Plan for Ship Repair facilities in the country is expected to be ready by mid-1981. Setting up of additional shiprepair facilities in the Western Coast etc. will depend on the Perspective Plan and availability of resources.

#### **Amendment of Bonus Act**

1361. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2069 on