

Public Undertakings

- *406. { Shri Rameshwar Tanti:
Shri Harish Chandra
Mathur;
Shri Achar:
Shri Sampath:
Shri S. A. Mehdi:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to introduce annual awards to encourage Government industrial enterprises which exceed their production targets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are contained in the brochure being placed on the Table of the House today.

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- *407. { Shri A. M Tariq:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Harish Chandra
Mathur;
Shri Ayyakannu:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Special Standing Committee which would include Members from both the Houses of Parliament, to examine the working of the establishments in the public sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) and (b). Sir, the matter is under the active consideration of the Government.

Factories Act, 1948

- *408. { Shri Kodliyan:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 205 on the 17th November, 1960 and state:

(a) whether the proposals for the amendment of the Factories Act, 1948 with a view to provide better safety arrangements in factories have been finalised by Government; and

(b) if so, when the amending bill is expected to be brought before Parliament?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) and (b). The proposals are still under the consideration of the Government.

पंजाबी सूबा

- *४०६. { श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :
श्री रामेश्वर टांटिया :
श्री मो० ब० टाकुर :
श्री हेमराज :
श्री नवल प्रभाकर :
श्री भक्त वर्मान :
श्री विभूति मिश्र :
श्री बी० चं० शर्मा :
श्री प्र० के० देव :
श्री मे० के० कुमारन् :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने पंजाब में चल रहे अकाली आन्दोलन को समाप्त करने के लिये किसी प्रकार का आश्वासन दिया है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि अकाली नेताओं ने पंजाबी सूबे के बारे में प्रधान मंत्री से भेंट की थी और यदि हां, तो इस विषय में सरकार का दृष्टिकोण क्या है ;

(ग) प्रधान मंत्री ने सन्त फतेह सिंह से उपवास तोड़ने के लिये जो अपील की थी क्या वह मानवीय सहानुभूति की भावना से प्रेरित हो कर की गई थी अथवा किसी प्रकार का समझौता करने के लिये की गई थी ; और

(घ) क्या प्रधान मंत्री पंजाबी सूबे के निर्माण के बारे में अब भी अपने पुराने विचारों पर कायम हैं अथवा उनमें कोई परिवर्तन हुआ है ?

विदेश उपमंत्री (श्रीमती लक्ष्मी मेनन):
(क), (ख), (ग) और (घ). भारत सरकार का दृष्टिकोण प्रधान मंत्री ने अपने कई एक सार्वजनिक भाषणों में, जो अखबारों में मुफ़्त छापे गये थे, साफ़ तौर पर बता दिया था। संक्षेप में वह यह था कि पंजाब का कोई बंटवारा पंजाब और भारत दोनों के लिये और इसके साथ ही पंजाब के सिखों व हिन्दुओं के लिये भी हानिकारक होगा।

प्रधान मंत्री ने सन्त फर्नेसिह से उपवास तोड़ने के लिये जो अपील की थी वह इन्सानी हमदर्दी से और एक ऐसी अफ़सोसनाक घटना, जो बहुत से लोगों के दिलों में कड़वापन छोड़ जाती, को होने से बचाने के आम सार्वजनिक कारणों से प्रेरित थी।

प्रधान मंत्री को कोई ऐसी वजह दिखाई नहीं दी जिससे कि वे पंजाब के किसी बंटवारे के विषय पर अपने विचार तबदील करें।

Central Government Employees Union

*410. { Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Tangamani:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) what positive steps have been taken to get the grievances of those Central Government Unions and Federations redressed whose recognitions were withdrawn after the July 1960 strike;

(b) whether labour machinery has at all worked in this direction; and

(c) if not, why?

The Deputy Minister of Labour and Planning (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) to (c). As already mentioned by the Home Minister, the entire question of relationship between Government and its employees is under review.

Export of Art Goods to America

*411. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India's attention has been drawn to a news appearing in the Delhi 'Hindusthan Standard' dated the 25th December, 1960 that heads of the purchasing department of some of the largest department stores in America have expressed the view that there are bright chances for exporting art goods to America provided emphasis was laid on quality and reliability and not on cheapness;

(b) whether any enquiries have been made in this connection with a view to exploring the possibilities of increased export of art goods to America; and

(c) if so, result thereof?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) to (c). The Government is aware of the possibilities of increased export of handicrafts to the U.S.A. and accordingly various steps are being taken to promote export of these goods to that country, as also to other countries. Exports of handicrafts are on the increase.

Development Plan for Sikkim

*412. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Second Development Plan for Sikkim has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) and (b). No Sir, the Plan is still under consideration.