

on the list today who are foreign refugees and descendants of those who rendered services abroad;

(b) the amount spent on them annually;

(c) how many have been added in the said list in 1970-71 and 1971-72; and

(d) what amount shall be payable to them ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) The number of such Political Pensioners is 17.

(b) Rs. 53,307.36

(c) and (d). Nil.

#### Indian Pilgrims to Tibet

6606 SHRI S. N. MISRA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been any pilgrims from India to Tibet in the last 2 years,

(b) if so, whether they experienced any difficulties; and

(c) if so, the nature thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) No. Su.

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

#### Progress on Unemployment Insurance Scheme

6607. SHRI S. N. MISRA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) what progress has been made for the Unemployment Insurance Scheme; and

(b) whether it is possible to give an approximate time when legislation of this Unemployment Insurance will be taken up ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADIIKAR) : (a) and (b) The National Commission on Labour has recommended *inter-alia* enhancement of the rate of Provident Fund contribution from 8 per cent to 10 per cent of pay and suggested that the additional contribution may be used, with marginal adjustment, to finance new benefits including Unemployment Insurance. The question of introducing a Scheme of Unemployment Insurance will be considered after a decision is taken on the recommendation of the National Commission on Labour.

#### मध्य प्रदेश में निकल के कारखाने की स्थापना

6608. श्री गंगा चरण दीक्षित : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार मध्य प्रदेश में 'निकल' का कारखाना स्थापित करने का है,

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उस पर कितना व्यय होगा, और

(ग) क्या इसके लिए कोई विदेशी सहयोग प्राप्त किया जायेगा ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) : (क) हाँ, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग). प्रश्न नहीं उत्तरे हैं ।

#### Implementation of Recommendation of Second Sugar Wage Board in Madhya Pradesh

6609. SHRI G. C. DIXIT : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the trade unions of the Sugar Mills in Madhya Pradesh have complained to Government that they have not been given the benefit of the recommendations made by the Second Sugar Wage Board, and