

Scheme to remove disparities between this scheme and the Home Ministry Scholarship Scheme for Sainik Schools for the following reasons:—

- (1) The Defence Ministry Scholarship Scheme provides for half scholarships to persons in income group Rs. 600-1199.
- (2) In respect of persons in the lower income group, the Defence Ministry Scholarship Scheme provides for extra benefits like TA and pocket money.

The Home Ministry Scholarship Scheme is now administered by the respective Union Territory Administrations including those which have recently attained Statehood. The question of modifying the Home Ministry Scholarship Scheme to bring it on par with the Defence Ministry scheme is being taken up with the concerned Union Territory Administration/states.

Visit By Foreign Minister of Denmark

5392. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Minister of Denmark paid a visit to India recently; and

(b) if so, the matters discussed with him and the conclusions arrived at?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SENGU): (a) Yes, Sir. The Foreign Minister of Denmark, His Excellency Mr. K. B. Andersen, paid an official visit to India from 29th November to 5th December, 1972.

(b) Discussions between the Foreign Minister of Denmark and Minister for External Affairs covered a wide range of subjects. They reviewed the international situation and considered ways of increasing our bilateral co-operation. The talks revealed a similarity of approach on the various matters discussed.

Shortage of Iron ore at Bokaro Steel Plant

5393. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of steel in the Bokaro Steel Plant is affected due to shortage of iron ore; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) Production of steel has not yet started in the Bokaro Steel Plant Pig Iron production which commenced on 3rd October, 1972, has not been affected by any shortage of iron ore.

(b) Does not arise.

आवास प्रयोजनों हेतु बिहार सरकार को
लोहे तथा इस्पात की सप्लाई

5394. श्री शिव शंकर प्रसाद यादव :
क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की
कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार सरकार के आवास
विभाग तथा लोक निर्माण विभाग द्वारा 1971
में तथा चालू वर्ष में विभिन्न निर्माण कार्यों
हेतु कितने लोहे तथा इस्पात की मांग की गई
और उनको कितना लोहा तथा इस्पात सप्लाई
किया गया; और

(ख) आवंटित इस्पात में से वास्तव में
उनको कितना इस्पात सप्लाई किया गया और
बिहार में निर्माण कार्य पर उसका क्या असर
पड़ा ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में राहुय मंत्री
(श्री शाहनावाज खाँ) : जनकारी प्राप्त की
जा रही है और सभ्य पटल पर रख दी
जानेगी ।

Setting up of a Lead Plant in Orissa

5395. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-
GRAHI: Will the Minister of STEEL
AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether work has started for the
setting up of the Lead Plant at Sargipalho
in Sundargarh in Orissa; if so, the amount
of money estimated to be invested in this
project;

(b) whether the proposed company for
this Project has been formed by now;

(c) if so whether he would place the
document forming the company on the
Table of the Sabha, and

(d) the time by which the preliminary
work of creating the plant will actually
commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES
(SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) (a) to
(d) Hindustan Zinc Ltd. has been en-
trusted with the preparation of feasibility
project report for exploitation of the Sar-
gipalli lead deposits including determina-
tion of the economics of setting up of the
smelter. The intention at present is to set
up a new company to be owned jointly by
the Central and Orissa Governments for
the actual exploitation of the ores and
extraction of lead metal.

Details of total investment, time re-
quired for completing the preliminary
work and commencement of production
etc. will be available after the feasibility/
project report has been prepared.

**Setting up a Steel Plant at Nayagarh in
Orissa**

5396. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-
GRAHI: Will the Minister of STEEL
AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have by now
taken any decision for starting prelimi-
nary work for setting up the second steel
Plant in the Nayagarh area in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the particulars of the steps
taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES
(SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a)
No. Sir

(b) Does not arise.

**Grant of Loan By Bata Shoe Company
Private Limited to a Firm**

5397 SHRI S. N. MISHRA: Will the
Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILI-
TATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bata Shoe Company
Private Limited Calcutta have granted,
out of its employees' Gratuity Fund, a
huge loan of Rs. 22 lakhs to one Cachar
Plywood Limited against its properties in
Calcutta valued at Rs. 55,000 only;

(b) whether one Income-tax Officer of
Commissioner of Income-Tax (Central
Circle) Calcutta had requested the lend-
ing company not to do so; and

(c) if so, the steps being contemplated
against the lending company for misuse
and wrongful investment of employees
fund?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND
REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K.
KHADILKAR): (a) to (c) The infor-
mation is being collected. It will be laid
on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

**Alleged Misuse of Steel Allocated to Assam
Sugar Mills Ltd.**

5398. SHRI S. N. MISHRA: Will the
Minister of STEEL AND MINES be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Assam Sugar Mills
Ltd. Cachar, Assam was granted huge
steel quota for the establishment of the
factory;

(b) if so, whether the factory has at all
been established;

(c) if not, why it is not done and how
the disposal of steels was done; and