

220 thousand tonnes for 1977-78, rising to about 325 thousand tonnes by 1981-82.

(b) The discovery of large bauxite deposits in the East Coast of India has aroused foreign interest in collaborating with India for exploitation of these deposits. The question of setting up alumina/aluminium plant(s) will be taken up by Government after detailed exploration of the ore bodies is completed.

#### Employees retrenched by Maruti Ltd.

\*172. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH  
MALIK:  
SHRI SOMNATH CHATTER-  
JEE:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMEN-  
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of the Maruti Ltd., have recently been retrenched or forced to resign;

(b) if so, the number of employees, category-wise retrenched during March to May, 1977; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government to reinstate them?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-  
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR  
(SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a)  
and (b). The total number of the employees who have either left or were removed from service till May 1977 was 228. Category-wise information about them is not available.

(c): Haryana Government which is the appropriate Government to deal with labour disputes in this establishment has informed us that since the management was not prepared to reinstate the workers, cases of 37 workers who had made specific representation about alleged forced resignation or wrongful termination of their services by the management have been referred to Industrial

Tribunal Haryana for adjudication under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

#### Installation of Letter Boxes in Villages

\*173. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to instal letter boxes in one lakh villages; and

(b) if so, whether this will raise the deficit of the Postal Department?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICA-  
TIONS (SHRI GEORGE FERNAN-  
DES): (a) Yes, Sir. The details are being worked out.

(b) Installation of these letter boxes and the arrangements for clearing them would marginally add to the costs, the extent of which would be known in due course. As the Postal Services are already running at a deficit, there would be some increase in it because of this programme.

#### Issue of Postal Stamps in Honour of Shri Sri Prakash and Dr. Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar'

\*174. DR. RAMJI SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring out special postal stamps in honour of late Shri Sri Prakash and Padma Bhushan Dr. Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar', the noted poet of India; and

(b) whether he has received a public petition requesting him to bring out a commemorative Stamp in honour of 'Dinkar'?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNI-  
CATIONS (SHRI GEORGE FER-  
NANDES): (a) and (b). A proposal has recently been received for the

issue of special postage stamp in honour of Dr. Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar'. This is under examination.

There is no proposal at present for issuing a special stamp in honour of Shri Sri Prakasa.

#### **Measures to check Lock-Outs and Retrenchments**

\*175. SHRI S. G. MURUGAIYAN:  
SHRIMATI PARVATHI  
KRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMEN-  
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's atten-  
tion has been drawn to the reported  
mass lock-outs and retrenchments in  
various States and Union territories  
during the last two or three months  
throwing thousands of workers un-  
employed; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the  
remedial measures being taken in  
this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-  
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR  
(SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a)  
Yes, Sir.

(b) Complete statistics on the sub-  
ject have not yet been received from  
all the State Governments/Union  
Territories. Wherever necessary the  
Government is intervening in dis-  
putes with a view to promoting  
settlement. The Government are  
also proposing to make changes in  
the law relating to industrial rela-  
tions and for this purpose are setting  
up shortly a tripartite Committee,  
which is to report in a period of two  
months. The report of the Com-  
mittee will enable Government to  
bring forward the necessary legisla-  
tion on the subject.

#### **Mining of Graphite**

\*176. SHRI P. THILAGARAJAN:  
Will the Minister of STEEL AND  
MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the places where graphite is  
mined on a large scale;

(b) whether the mining of graphite  
in Sivaganga of Ramnad District,  
Tamil Nadu is considered to be ade-  
quate exploitation of the potential  
in that area; and

(c) if not, steps contemplated by  
Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND  
MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK):

(a) Bolangir district of Orissa is the  
principal mining centre for graphite  
in the country. There are also, cer-  
tain other areas in Orissa, Bihar,  
Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajas-  
than where graphite is being mined.

(b) and (c). Graphite is not being  
mined in Sivaganga area of Ramnad  
district, at present. However, the  
graphite potential of that area ap-  
pears to be adequate to support a  
medium sized graphite (beneficiation  
and crucible plant. The Government  
of Tamil Nadu are examining the  
question of exploiting these graphite  
deposits.

#### **Victimisation of Employees of Lady Hardinge and Kalawati Saran Hospitals**

\*177. SHRI GANGADHAR APPA  
BURANDE: Will the Minister of  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Lady Hardinge and  
Kalawati Saran Hospitals' Employees  
Union, Delhi have submitted a memo-  
randum regarding incidents of victi-  
misation;

(b) if so, whether an impartial  
inquiry has been ordered against the  
guilty officials; and