

Law Ministers met in February, 1993 and recommended that the Chief Justice Conference, in consultation with the Bar Council of India, could consider constituting a committee consisting of lawyers and judges at the appropriate level for dealing with the underlying causes for lawyers' strikes and for evolving appropriate guidelines for preventing indiscriminate closure of courts. It is proposed to take follow-up action on this recommendation.

Fire in the Narora Atomic Power Station

*64. SHRI SOM PAL :

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a fire broke out on March 31, 1993 in the turbine building of the Narora Atomic Power Station;

(b) if so, what was the cause of the fire;

(c) the extent of damage caused to the plant; and

(d) whether Government have made any enquiry in this regard; and if so, with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(c) There has been considerable damage to the turbine generator of Unit-I which was purchased at a cost of Rs. 25 crores. There has been, however, no impact on the nuclear reactor. There was neither any injury nor any danger of radiation to any of the plant personnel or to the public on account of the incident.

(b) and (d) The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board has constituted a Commi-

tee under the Chairmanship of the Director Reactor Group, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre to investigate, among other things, the cause of the incident and to suggest measures to prevent recurrence of such incidence. The Nuclear Power Corporation has also constituted a Committee to enquire into the incident and to assess the extent of damage. The reports are expected in May '93.

Comprehensive Poverty Removal Programme

*68. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHARAO SHINDE :

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any comprehensive poverty removal programme on the lines of the earlier 20-point programme has been evolved as a part of the planned liberalisation of economy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the targets contemplated to be achieved thereunder during the Eighth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) :

(a) to (c) The poverty removal programme consists mainly of self-employment programme called the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and the wage employment programme called the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY). These will continue in the Eighth Plan on an expanded basis. Central outlay for rural development has been stepped up to Rs. 30,000 crores in the Eighth Five Year Plan in order to speed up efforts for poverty alleviation in the context of

the liberalisation of the economy. The outlay for rural development in 1992-93 was Rs. 3100 crores which has been increased substantially to Rs. 5010 crores in 1993-94.

In addition to the poverty alleviation programme the Eighth Plan aims at generating greater employment by concentrating on sectors with high employment potential.

चन्दन तेल उद्योग की पेश आ रही कठिनाइयाँ

* 69. श्री शंकर ब्रयाल सिंह :

श्री सोम बाल :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को कन्नौज के चन्दन तेल उद्योग की पेश आ रही कठिनाइयों का ज्ञान है,

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उनका व्योरा क्या है,

(ग) इन कठिनाइयों को दूर करने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं

(घ) क्या सरकार इस उद्योग की पेश आ रही कठिनाइयों का जायजा लेने हेतु एक केन्द्रीय दल भेजने का विचार रखत है, और

(ङ) यदि हाँ, तो कब तक ?

रतियन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(श्री एडुआर्दो केतेरियो) : (क) से (ङ)

विकास आयुक्त, लघु उद्योग का कार्यालय (डी एस एस ओ ई) को कन्नौज में चन्दन का तेल बनाने वाली लघु उद्योग इकाईयों से अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त होते रहे हैं, जिसमें कहा गया है कि तमिलनाडु सरकार (वन विभाग) ने कुछ समय से विरोधकर तिरुमसूर (नॉर्थ आरकोट) और सलेम तथा सत्यमंगलम (जिला वेरियार) स्थित अपने डिपुर्टों में चन्दन को लकड़ी की नीलामी बन्द कर दी है। इसके परिणामस्वरूप कन्नौज सहित देश के विभिन्न भागों में चन्दन की लकड़ी की कमी हो गई है। डी.एस.एस.आई कार्यालय ने यह जानने के लिए पहले ही राज्य सरकार से अनुरोध किया है कि चन्दन की लकड़ी

की नीलामी कब शुरू किए जाने का समाधान है। डी.एस.एस.आई ने चन्दन की लकड़ी की उपलब्धता में सुधार लाने के लिए बार-बार नीलामी को बहाल करने पर विचार करने का भी राज्य सरकार से अनुरोध किया है। ताकि चन्दन तेल और इस बनाने वाली लघु इकाईयों को नुकसान न हो।

इसके अतिरिक्त, भारतीय इस्त्र संघ, कन्नौज ने अभ्यावेदन दिया है कि चन्दन के तेल पर लगे उत्पादन शुल्क ने उद्योग पर बुरा असर डाला है, क्योंकि इस बनाने में चन्दन का तेल एक महत्वपूर्ण आधार है जिसका इस के निर्माण में प्रयोग किया जाता है।

Appointment of Presenting Officers

* 70. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the replies given in the Rajya Sabha to the Unstarred Question Nos. 4598 dated 20-8-92 and 2926 dated 18-3-93 and state :

(a) the reasons/circumstances under which the technical flaw was caused and which the management of IDPL realised after enquiry proceedings were started;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said flaw was pointed out before the proceedings were started but no action was taken on that, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether IDPL had appointed the General Manager (Production) as disciplinary authority in order to gain time on such serious matters, when General Manager (Sales) was available at that time; and

(d) what were the charges listed in the show cause notice of 1-6-90 and those listed in the charge-sheet of dated 21-5-90 as referred to in reply to part (c) and (f) of the referred Question No. 4598 dated 20-8-92 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO