

Iranian delegation which visited India in June, 1980, did not sign any contracts for purchases from India.

(b) Does not arise.

Bonus to Government employees

685. SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

SHRI NARSINGH NARAIN
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the question of giving 'bonus' to the Central Government Employees and their counterparts in States is under Government's consideration;

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

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the main reasons therefor and what is the Government's policy with regard to giving 'bonus' to Central Government Employees at least so long as Government are not able to grant need-based minimum wage to such employees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MANGANBHAI BAROT): (a) to (c) The Central Government has evolved a scheme for the payment of Bonus linked with productivity for the Central Government employees. So far the employees of the Railways and P and T Board and the civilian employees of Ordnance Factories have been allowed productivity linked bonus. The scheme is also being extended to certain other organisations units under the Ministry of Defence.

There is no proposal under consideration for the payment of Bonus to the generality of Central Government employees. As the payment of bonus is linked to productivity, it has no direct relationship with the level of wages.

So far as the State Government employees are concerned, the matter lies

in the purview of the respective State Governments.

Crash plan for tourists

686. SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA:

SHRIMATI HAMIDA
HABIBULLAH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Inter-Ministerial Group which examined a crash plan for tourists to India has since submitted its report to Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) No Inter-Ministerial Group has been set up to examine Tourism Plans. However, discussions are being held within the Government in order to devise various steps and measures which would be necessary to boost tourism to the country.

Development plan for Durgapur Steel Plant

687. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD
MATHUR:

SHRI HARISHANKAR
BHABHRA:

SHRI SUNDER SINGH
BHANDARI:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the British Steel Corporation (Overseas) services is preparing a development plan for Durgapur Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, what is the frame-work of the plan and what are its main features?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.