

Deposit of P. F. contribution by Universal Advertisers (Press)

415. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Universal Advertisers (Press), Jhandevallan, New Delhi has not deposited its provident fund dues;

(b) what is the number of complaints, the Delhi Administration has received from employees of the printing press in this regard; and

(c) what action has been taken so far against this employer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. RAM KRIPAL SINHA): The Employees' Provident Fund authorities have reported as under:—

(a) M/s. Universal Advertisers (Press), Jhandevallan, New Delhi have deposited the provident fund dues upto the end of May, 1979 except the arrears in respect of three employees.

(b) A joint complaint signed by eight employees about non-payment of the provident fund dues by the establishment was received by the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Delhi.

(c) The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Delhi has determined the contributions payable by the employer in respect of the three employees and initiated steps to recover the same. As regards the remaining five employees, the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner has been asked to examine their eligibility for membership and to take appropriate further action.

Agreement with Algeria on technical and Scientific cooperation

416. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been signed between Governments of India and Algeria on technical and Scientific cooperation; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU): (a) An Agreement on Technical and Scientific Cooperation between India and Algeria was initialled on 26-6-1979.

(b) The technical and scientific co-operation agreement includes, *inter alia*, exchange of technical expertise for promoting the economic development of the two countries, execution of programmes in various fields such as scientific and technical seminars, joint research programmes etc.; and recruitment of experts, educationalists and technicians from India. Further there will be exchange of information and documentation on scientific and technical cooperation and proposals will be made in protocols for implementation of specific exchange programmes etc.

मलेरिया की आयुर्वेदिक औषधि

417. श्री जगदीश जोशी : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार की आयुर्वेद अनुसंधान परिषद ने मलेरिया की कोई औषधि निकाली है ; और

(ख) क्या उक्त औषधि प्रभावशाली सिद्ध हुई है ?