

the Central Industrial Relations Machinery which was instructed to look into the matter. Information regarding the reported violations of contract labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, by Jitpur Colliery, and the number of workers employed by each contractor in Ramnagore, Jitpur and Chasnala Collieries is being collected, and will be laid on the Table of the House when received.

#### **Purchase of coal by IISCO**

806. SHRI KALYAN ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the IISCO purchases huge quantities of coal from the Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries;

(b) if so, what is the quantity of coal purchased by the IISCO from 1973 to 1977 company-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the IISCO management has failed to pay the price of the coal to the Coal India Limited purchased during these years;

(d) whether it is a fact that Rs. 1861.68 lakhs is still outstanding against IISCO; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken to clear the amount and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Reduction in the import duty on Stainless Steel Sheets**

807. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: SHRI BHOLA PRASAD:

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

(a) the estimated annual loss of revenue to the exchequer as a result

of the reduction in customs duty on the import of stainless sheets; and

(b) the extent to which the reduction in the import duty has resulted in decrease in price of stainless steel utensils?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) On June 18, 1977 import duty on stainless steel plates, sheets and strips was reduced from 320 per cent *ad-valorem* to rates ranging from 40 per cent to 120 per cent *ad-valorem*. On July 15, 1977 import duty on stainless steel plates, sheets and strips for certain end-uses including manufacture of utensils was increased to 220 per cent *ad-valorem*. The quantum of loss of revenue due to these duty changes will depend upon the effective changes in actual import of stainless steel plates, sheets and strips. No precise estimate on this is available.

(b) A clearer picture about the decrease in the prices of stainless steel utensils, as a result of the changes in the duty rates, will emerge only after change has been in operation for a reasonable period of time.

#### **Anti-India slogan shouting in Dacca -**

808. SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA:

SHRI HIMMAT SINH:

SHRI NRIPATI RANJAN CHOUDHURY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government are aware that anti-India slogan shouting near Indian establishments and offices in Dacca has become a common feature?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. KUNDU): No, Sir. The last such incident took place on the 12th October, 1977.