

several other industries in the Central Sphere, such as : (i) limestone, Dolomite and Manganese mines (ii) Coal and Ash handling work in Railway Loco sheds (iii) Iron Ore Mines (iv) Coal washeries and (v) chromite, mica, magnesite, Gypsum, fire-clay etc. mines. Further action regarding abolition of contract labour system in these industries/sectors is to be taken in the light of the recommendations of the Central Advisory Contract Labour Board following consideration by the Board of the Reports of the above Committees.

Restarting of Mini Steel Plants in Gujarat

1203. SHRI ISRAHIM KALANIYA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the companies which have put up their demand before the Registrar of the Gujarat High Court to restart the mini steel plants which are lying closed;

(b) whether the dues of the workers of these plants have been paid; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

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

Requirement of Hindi Typewriters

1204. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Hindi typewriters at present in the Department of Parliamentary Affairs and the Ministry of Labour;

(b) the number of Hindi typewriters required in the Department/Ministry; and

(c) by when the required number of Hindi typewriters are likely to be

procured for use in the Department/Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) (i) Department of Parliamentary Affairs—4; (ii) Ministry of Labour—34.

(b) (i) Department of Parliamentary Affairs—6; (ii) Ministry of Labour—36; and

(c) (i) Department of Parliamentary Affairs—Arrangements are being made to purchase remaining two typewriters.

(ii) Ministry of Labour—Two typewriters are likely to be procured for use in the Ministry of Labour by January, 1978.

Pin Code System

1205. SHRI VITHAL GADGIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the introduction of the Pin Code System has improved the efficiency of the Postal Department; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for introducing the Pin Code System?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Residential accommodation for Postmen at Poona

1206. SHRI VITHAL GADGIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rent charged for residential accommodation constructed by the Postal Department for postmen in Poona is much higher than the house rent allowance paid to them; and