

Cancellation of the Visit of the Minister of External Affairs to Sri Lanka and Geneva

*431. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN:

SHRI DAYANAND SAHAYA;
SHRI SITARAM KESRI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has cancelled his scheduled visit to Sri Lanka and Geneva in July, 1978; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Foreign Minister could not undertake these visits due to unavoidable reasons. His visit to Sri Lanka has been postponed to a mutually convenient date later in the year. As regards Geneva, the Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs led the Indian Delegation to the meeting of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

औद्योगिक कानूनों में परिवर्तन

†* 432. श्री बापुरावजी मास्तुरावजी देशमुख : क्या संसदीय कार्य तथा श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार निकट भविष्य में औद्योगिक कानूनों में कोई आधारभूत परिवर्तन करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और कौन-कौन सा मुख्य परिवर्तन करने का विचार है; और

(ग) क्या कर्मकारों और उनके मजदूर संघों की शक्तियों को सीमित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ?

†[Changes in the Industrial Laws

*432. SHRI BAPURAOJI MAROT-RAOJI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make any basic changes in the industrial laws in the near future;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what major changes are contemplated; and

(c) whether it is proposed to limit the powers of workers and their trade unions]

संसदीय कार्य तथा श्रम मंत्री (श्री रवीन्द्र वर्मा) : (क) से (ग) सरकार का एक व्यापक औद्योगिक संबंध विधेयक पेश करने का विचार है। यह विधेयक औद्योगिक विवाद अधिनियम, व्यवसाय संघ अधिनियम और स्थायी आदेश अधिनियम के उपबन्धों का समाकलन और संशोधन करेगा।

†[THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) to (c) Government propose to introduce a Comprehensive Industrial Relations Bill which will integrate and revise the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, the Trade Unions Act and the Standing Orders Act.]

Surplus Machinery etc. with the Steel Plants

*433. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAYA;
SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN;
SHRI SITARAM KESRI:

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

(a) what are the details and value of the surplus machinery, steel and stores with the Bhilai, IISCO, Rourkela and Durgapur steel plants, plant-wise; and

(b) what steps Government have taken for the disposal of these items?

†Previously Starred Question No.102 transferred from the 20th July, 1978.

†[] English translation.

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Surplus machinery etc with steel plants

(a) The value of surplus machinery, steel and stores held by Bhilai Steel Plant, Indian Iron and Steel Company, Rourkela Steel Plant and Durgapur Steel Plant, as on 31-3-1978, is given below:—

Name of the Steel Plant	Value (in Rs. lakhs) of the Surplus		
	Machinery	Steel	Stores and spares
1. Bhilai	Nil	Nil.	72.89†
2. Rourkela	63.19	Nil.	90.75
3. Durgapur	110.00	Nil.	82.05
4. IISCO	‡	‡	‡

†Includes surplus refractories.

‡The total value of surplus machinery, steel and stores* taken together for IISCO is Rs. 15 lakhs.

The details of surplus machinery are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The details of the surplus items are circulated to the public sector undertakings (including sister plants) and their requirements, if any, are transferred to them. Alternatively, disposal action is taken according to the normal procedure of advertising and auction.

Supply of G. C. Sheets to the Cooperative Sector

*434. SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND:

SHRIMATI LEELA DAMO-DARA MENON:

SHRIMATI PRATIMA BOSE:

SHRI SAT PAUL MITTAL:

SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that small and marginal farmers and

economically weaker sections of the society in rural areas are facing great hardship due to non-availability of galvanised corrugated sheets which are required for the construction and improvement of storage and residential accommodation with the result that these people are suffering badly during the monsoon season;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Steel Authority of India and SAIL International had been approached by the co-operative sector well in time to allot some quantity of galvanised corrugated sheets so that the same could be distributed among the needy people before the monsoon sets in;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Steel Authority of India and SAIL International have not even cared to acknowledge the request made by the co-operatives; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.