

### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### Setting up of an Aluminium Project in Gujarat

\*123. SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI:  
SHRIMATI LEELA DAMODAR MENON:  
SHRIMATI USHI KHAN:  
SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA:

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

(a) whether Government propose to set up an aluminium project in Gujarat with the collaboration of the Hungarian Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) No, Sir. However the Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited (GMDC) have recently concluded an agreement with Hungarians for commissioning a feasibility study for setting up an export-oriented alumina plant of 300,000 tonnes per annum capacity in Gujarat State.

(b) The details will be known only after the feasibility study is completed. The study is likely to be completed in the first quarter of 1979.

#### डाक की दरों में संशोधन

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श्री श्याम लाल यादव :

श्री खुरशीद आलम खान :

श्री हरि सिंह भगुवावा

महिडा :

श्री कृष्णराव नारायण धुलप :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने डाक की दरों में संशोधन करने का निर्णय किया है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ तो उसका व्यौरा क्या है ?

### †[Revision of postal rates

\*124. SHRI DEORAO PATIL:  
SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV:  
SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN:  
SHRI HARISINH BHAGU-  
BAVA MAHIDA:  
SHRI KRISHNARAO  
NARAYAN DHULAP:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to revise the postal rates; and

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

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नरहरि प्रसाद सुखदेव साई) : (क) और (ख) कुछ सेवाओं के लिए डाक दरें 1-6-78 से संशोधित की गई थी। इनके व्यौरे पिछले बजट सत्र के दौरान संसद् के सामने रख दिए गए थे।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) and (b) The postal rates for some services were revised with effect from 1-6-78 as per details placed before the Parliament during the last Budget Session.]

#### Appointment of contractors by the Steel Authority of India

\*126. DR. RAFIQ ZAKARIA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Steel Authority of India has appointed some individuals or companies, as their consultants, who also function as contractors; and

(b) whether Government are aware that such appointments are against the international trade practices?

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

†[ ]English translation.