

National minimum wage in Cashew Industry

*130. **SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN** : Will the Minister of **PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a national minimum wage policy in respect of the Cashew industry with a view to reducing movement of raw nuts from one State to another; and

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

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA) : (a) and (b) No Sir. Fixation of minimum wages in the cashew industry under the Minimum Wages Act falls in the State sphere.

Attacks on Indians in U.K.

*131. **SHRI DEVENDRA NATH DWIVEDI** :

SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI :

SHRI VITHAL GADGIL :

SHRI BIPIN PAL DAS :

SHRI MULKA GOVINDA

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Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported increase in the incidents of physical attacks on Indians, their properties and places of worship in the United Kingdom; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE) : (a) No such reports have been received by us.

(b) The responsibility for protection of life and property of Indians resident in UK rests with the British Government with whom we are in constant touch. They have assured us that everything possible has been and will be done as and when necessary.

Restructuring of H.S.L.

*132. **SHRI NRIPATI RANJAN CHOUDHURY** :

SHRIMATI LEELA DAMODARA MENON :

DR. RAJAT KUMAR CHAKRABARTI :

SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR :

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

(a) the progress so far made in regard to the restructuring of the Hindustan Steel Limited; and

(b) by when the entire work in this regard is likely to be completed.

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK) : (a) and (b) The entire question of restructuring is under further examination and a final decision is expected to be taken shortly.

Sale of Rusty Steel by H.S.L.

*133. **SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA** :

SHRI S. KUMARAN :

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 3,000 tonnes of 14 mm, round steel bars declared as rusty have recently been sold by the Hindustan Steel Limited at a very low price; and

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

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

Statement

(a) and (b) 14 mm round steel bars have good export market but are not popular in the domestic market. Hindustan Steel