Production of Copper .Sulphate on Commercial Basis

949. SHRI GANESH LAL MALI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hindustan Copper Limited has started producing copper sul phate on commercial basis;

(b) if so, what is the monthly production;

(c) whether any norms and conditions have been laid down for marketing these products; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) : (a) During 1975-76, Khetri Copper Project of Hindustan Copper Limited manufactured on an experimental basis about four tonnes of copper sulphate. This was in connection with establishing a scheme for purification of refinery electrolyte. The quantity of about four tonnes was sold on an *ad hoc* basis during current financial year. At present the proposed scheme for electrolyte purification at Khetri does not contemplate any facilities for the manufacture of copper sulphate.

(b) to (d). Does not arise in view of what is stated above against fa).

Naptbalenc and Chemical Bye-products in the Bokaro Steel Plant

950. SHRI SAT PAUL MITTAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bokaro Steel Plant has commenced production of napthalenc and other chemical bye-products;

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

(c) what is the annual target of production of these chemicals in the plant;

(d) whether any norms and conditions have been laid down for marketing these chemicals; and

te) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) : (a) Bokaro Steel Plant is at present producing Ammonium Sulphate and Crude Tar. Production of Napthalene is expected to commence by the end of 1976-77.

(b) During 1975-76, 13.097 tonnes of Ammonium Sulphate and 38,594 tonnes of Crude Tar were produced.

(c) For the year 1976-77, the target of production of Ammonium Sulphate and Crude Tar is 20,200 tonnes and 59,510 tonnes respectively.

(d) and (e) Ammonium Sulphate is sold at the price fixed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and subject to other directives issued by them. Regarding Coal Tar, major portion is consumed by the steel plants themselves and a small quantity is sold to private parties.

Summit of Non-Aligned Countries

951. SHRI BHOLA PRASAD :

SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the gist of the deliberations of the Non-aligned summit held recently in Colombo ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS KSHRI BIPINPAL DAS) : The deliberations at the Summit Conference of Non-aligned countries held recently in Colombo are reflected in the Political and Economic Declarations and the Action Programme on Economic Cooperation adopted by the Conference. A cony each of these documents is being placed separately in the Library of the Parliament.

952. *[Transferred to the* 31.W *August,* 1976.]

General Machinery to implement minimum wages for agricultural workers

953. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any machinery to implement minimum wages for agricultural workers falling within the Central sphere; and

(b) if so, what are the functions assigned to it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BA1.GOV1ND VERMA): (a) & (b) Yes, Sir, All the officers of the Chief Labour Commissioner's Organisation have been notified as Inspectors unuder Section 19 or as claims authorities under Section 20 of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 for enforcing provisions of the Act, including implementa- tation of minimum wages for agricultural workers falling in the Central sphere: This Machinery is also responsible for the en- forcemnei of other labour laws in the Central sphere.

Price of Aluminium

954. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :