

**Meetings of Indo-U.S. Joint
Commission**

112. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN
SARING : SHRI SYED NIZAM-
UD-DIN : SHRI GIAN CHAND
TOTU :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of meetings of the Indo-U.S. Joint Commission held during the last year;

(b) the decisions taken at the said meetings; and

(c) the progress made in the implementation of these decisions 'I

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) Only one meeting of the Indo-US Joint Commission was held during the last year.

(b) The main recommendations of the Joint Commission pertaining to economic and commercial matters, educational and cultural affairs and science and technology are given in Statement I. [See below],

(c) The progress made in the implementation of decisions of the Joint Commission meeting is given in Statement EL [See below]

Statement

The following were the main recommendations of the Second Session of the Indo-US Joint Commission which met on October 6-7, 1975;

Economic and Commercial Matters.—The Joint Commission agreed to take steps to increase trade in the coming years by expanding both the volume of goods and the diversity of commodities; to encourage trade promotion through trade missions, trade shows, exhibits and catalogue shows; to establish a Joint Business Council bringing together business leaders of both countries for the development of industrial and commercial cooperation; to encourage Joint

industrial ventures in third countries; to continue mutually beneficial consultations on agricultural inputs; and to hold talks on a tax treaty between the two countries.

Education and Cultural Affairs.—The Joint Commission approved the holding of Joint Seminars in each country. It also provided for a programme of scholarships and visitorships. An exchange of major cultural exhibitions and educational-technology and educational materials such as films, audiovisual and TV materials and video-tapes was also visualised.

Science and Technology.—The Joint Commission approved the recommendations for cooperation in areas like agriculture, energy and natural resources, health, electronics and communications, environment and exchanges of scientists and information.

Statement—n

The implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Commission as well as identification and formulation of areas of cooperation are carried out through the periodic meetings of three Sub-Commissions. The Science and Technology Sub-Commission met in New Delhi on January 27-29th, 1976; the Economic and Commercial Sub-Commission met in New Delhi on March 24-25, 1976; the Sub-Commission on Education and Culture met in New York on 4-5th May, 1976.

The Economic and Commercial Sub-Commission discussed multi-lateral issues such as the international economic conferences, multi-lateral trade negotiations, transfer of technology etc. It also discussed bilateral issues like trade, investment policies, joint ventures in third countries and the double taxation avoidance treaty. It noted with satisfaction that the joint Business Council had held its first meeting in New Delhi from February 2-4, 1976 and discussed the economic situation in India and USA, possibilities of US participation in India's economic development and expansion of bilateral trade and industrial cooperation in third countries.

The Science and Technology Sub-Commission discussed possibilities of joint work in areas of agriculture, energy, health, electronics, materials and meteorology, environment and scientific information exchange. It recommended the exchange of information through seminars, training programmes and development of methodologies in scientific information systems.

The Education and Cultural Sub-Commission hoped that there would be a progressive increase in the number of fellowships and visitorships; agreed to explore possibilities of holding joint seminars during 1977-78 and in subsequent years in identified subjects; recommended consideration of strengthening cooperation in the exchange of exhibitions and documentary and training films; proposed the exchange of feature films and screening of selected Indian films on American TV; suggested the arranging of festivals of Indian films in US cities and universities and agreed to explore possibilities for further collaboration in exchange of persons in literary and performing arts as well as fostering institutional contact and collaboration in selected areas.

Employment opportunities for the educated unemployed

*113. SHRI SAT PAUL MITTAL :
SHRIMATI LAKSHMI
KUMARI CHUNDAWAT :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of educated unemployed has considerably increased during the year 1975-76;

(b) what is the number of educated unemployed registered with the employment exchanges as on 31st March, 1976; and

(c) what is the number of such unemployed persons who are Matriculates, Graduates and post-Graduates?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) to (c) Precise estimates in regard to the number of educated unemployed are not available. The available information relates to the number of educated job-seekers (all of whom are not necessarily unemployed) on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges which had increased from 41.75 lakhs as on 31-12-1974 to 47.84 lakhs as on 31-12-1975. These 47.84 lakhs educated job seekers included 38.59 lakhs matriculates (including Higher Secondary/Intermediates), 8.52 lakhs graduates and 0.73 lakhs post-graduates.

*Note.—1. Matriculates and above.

2. The data relating to educated job-seekers on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges are being collected at half-yearly intervals ending 30th June and 31st December each year.

3. Excludes figures in respect of University Employment Information and Guidance Bureaux except for two in Delhi.

4. Figures relating to December 1975 are provisional.

Allotment of chemical raw material of Hindustan Steel Ltd. to small units

*114. SHRI GANESH LAL MALI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state what steps Government propose to take to assist the small scale units under the 20-Point Economic Programme by way of allocation of chemical raw materials produced by the Hindustan Steel Limited to such units?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV) : Hindustan Steel Ltd. have reported that by-product chemicals produced in their