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2. Local Representative of Director of Electrical & Mechanical Engineering.
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6. Representative of Director General of Supplies & Disposals (He will attend the meeting if and when his presence is specially required).
7. Joint Financial Controller (Factories), Jabalpur.
8. Representative of Director General of Technical Development (He will attend the meeting if and when his presence is required).

The Secretariat is provided by General Manager, Vehicles Factory, Jabalpur.

**Shortage of Tools and Special Steel**

\*288. SHRIMATI LEELA DAMODARA MENON :

SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA:  
DR. V. A. SEYID MUHAMMAD:  
SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI:  
SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial units in general and certain critical units in particular are facing problems for want of tools and special steel; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to solve their difficulties ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.D. MALAVIYA) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Revised wages for Bidi Workers**

\*289. SHRI N. P. CHAUDHARI :  
SHRI N. H. KUMBHARE :  
SHRI S. W. DHABE :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that decision to revise wages for workers in the Bidi Industry

with effect from 1st July, 1974 was taken by the State Labour Ministers at a meeting recently convened by the Ministry of Labour;

(b) if so, the names of the States which have not notified the revised rates;

(c) what are the reasons for not implementing the decision;

(d) what steps Government have taken to ensure revision of wages in all States ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY) : (a) Yes, Sir. This was one of the conclusions reached in the meeting of State Labour Ministers held in January, 1973.

(b) to (d) The attention of the State Governments has already been invited to the above conclusion. Replies are still awaited from the Govts. of Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka and Orissa. According to information received from other States none of them has so far revised the existing wages from 1-7-1974. It is proposed to discuss the matter with the State Labour Ministers shortly.

**कच्छ क्षेत्र में लिग्नाइट का उत्पादन**

\*290. डा० राम-कृपाल सिंह :

श्री मोरेश्वर प्रकाश त्यागी :

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर :

श्री स० ल० श्रॉंगे :

क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि .

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कच्छ क्षेत्र में लिग्नाइट की खोज तथा शोध का कार्य 1942 में भारतीय भूविज्ञान सर्वेक्षण संस्था द्वारा आरम्भ किया गया था;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि पश्चिमी क्षेत्र में बिजली तथा ईंधन की भारी कमी के कारण वहां लिग्नाइट की मांग बहुत ज्यादा है, और

(ग) यदि हा, तो कच्छ क्षेत्र में लिग्नाइट के समुचित उत्पादन के लिए सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है और उसके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं ?

†[Production of Lignite in the Kutch region

\*290. DR. RAMKRIPAL SINHA :  
SHRI O. P. TYAGI :  
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR :  
SHRI S. C. ANGRE :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'exploratory and research work for lignite was started in

† [ ] English translation.