Written Answers

*420. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN : SHRI VISWANATHA MENON :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 7,000 workers of Ordnance Clothing Factory, Shahjahanpur (U.P.) were on a 'tool down' strike in June, 1974;

(b) if so, what were the demands of the workers; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to redress the grievances of the workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir. About 6,000 workers of the Ordnance Clothing Factory, Shahjahanpur, were on sit-in and tool down strike from May 21 to June 3, 1974.

(b) Their two main demands were as below:-

(i) Payment be made for the period not worked from May 14 to 16 on account of Gherao and tool-down strike.

(ii) Revocation of the suspension order on one worker against whom proceedings have been instituted for assaulting some staff members of the factory.

(c) The worker was released from sus pension on his accepting the charge-sheet and without any prejudice to the disciplinary proceedings already instituted against him. Demand for the payment for the period of gherao and tool-down strike is pending with Government for decision.

भारत-चीन संबंध

*421. श्री नागेक्वर प्रसाद झाहो : श्रो जगदीझ जोझी : श्रो नत्थी सिंह : श्री गुणानस्द ठाकर :

क्या विदेश मन्त्री यह बताने की क्रुपा करेंगे कि हाल में डों० कोटनिस स्मारक समिति शिष्टमंडल के कौन-कौन सदस्य चीन गये थे ?

t[Sino-Indian relation

to Questions

*421. SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI t SHRI JAGDISH JOSHI: SHRI NATHI SINGH : SHRI GUNANAND THAKUR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the names of Member* of Dr. Kotnis Memorial Committee Delegation who have recently visited China?]

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेन्द्रपाल सिंह) : इनके नाम हैं :---

- (1) श्री डेनियल लतीफी
- (2) कूमारी मनोरमा कोटनिस
- (3) डा॰ मुकुन्द राए व्यास, संसद सदस्य
- (4) श्री हेमंग विश्वास

t[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : The names are :

- (1) Shri Danial Latifi.
- (2) Miss Manorama Kotnis.
- (3) Dr. M. R. Vyas, M.P.
- (4) Shri Hemanga Biswas].

Decentralisation of H. M. T.

•422. SHRI MAQSOOD ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration to decentralise the H.M.T. and make every unit an autonomous corporation; and

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

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI T. A. PAI): (a) and (b) Govt. have recently approved the proposal of H.M.T. to reorganize its management in order to have greater autonomy and responsibility at the unit level and greater participation of the unit level management in corporate planning and policies. It is proposed to have a three-tier management consisting of a Board of Directors and a Committee of Management

tl] English translation.