

dearness allowance, and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government propose to take adequate steps to meet the threatened action by certain trade unions against that Ordinance?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) and (b) Government have already taken various steps to educate public opinion with regard to the Ordinance. The scope and purpose of the Ordinance have already been explained in detail by Members of Government including the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister. Various other anti-inflationary measures that are likely to be announced may serve as an effective instrument to further educate the public opinion, including that of organised labour.

Closure of Pearl Cycle Industries Ltd.

933. SHRI J. S. ANAND: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pearl Cycle Industries Ltd., New Delhi closed down on the 30th July, 1973;

(b) whether the dues of its employees still remain unpaid;

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to get the dues paid to them;

(d) what are the arrears of the Provident Fund due from the company, separately from its Head Office at New Delhi and Factory at Ballabgarh;

(e) what steps Government have taken to recover these dues;

(f) the arrears company still due to the Employees' State Insurance Corporation in respect of its Head Office at New Delhi and Factory at Ballabgarh;

(g) what steps Government have taken to recover these dues; and

(h) the reasons for not taking over the sick concern ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) to (h) Information is being collected.

Mineral deposits in Deccan region

934. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to invite a Soviet team of geologists to explore minerals in the Deccan region; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production targets for HEC, Ranchi

935. SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA:
SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:
SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the production targets fixed for the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi during the current financial year in comparison to that during the last two years; and

(b) whether the production till to date has been in accordance with the targets laid down; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and remedial measures taken by Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Production targets fixed for the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi during the current year in comparison to the targets of the last two years are as follows :

(in tonnes)

	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75
(i) Foundry			
Forge Plant	32,230	45,990	50,000
(ii) Heavy Machine Building Plant	51,000	55,000	53,000
(iii) Heavy Machine Tool Plant	40	40	60
	Machines	Machines	Machines

(b) No, Sir. It is expected that the shortfall will be made good in the coming months.

(c) The primary reasons for the shortfall are: delay in the despatch of components and completing items by the foreign suppliers and break down in some vital equipment.