

Aluminium Plant in Madhya Pradesh

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

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up with Soviet collaboration a Rs. 1000 crore aluminium plant in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): (a) and (b) The aluminium smelter and fabrication plants, which form part of the aluminium complex of the Korba Project of the Bharat Aluminium Co. Ltd., are under construction in Madhya Pradesh with Soviet assistance. In addition, the services of a Soviet agency have been engaged for the preparation of a techno-economic feasibility report for the establishment of an alumina plant based on bauxite deposits of Madhya Pradesh including low grade bauxite deposits.

Sirike in Delhi Cloth Mills

429. DR. Z. A. AHMAD:

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SHRI S. G. SARDESAI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the workers of the Delhi Cloth Mills went on strike from 4th December, 1973;

(b) if so, what were their demands;

(c) whether the management declared a lock-out in the mills; and

(d) the steps Government have taken to meet the demands of the workers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY): (a) to (d) According to available information, the workers of the Delhi Cloth Mills resorted to stay-in-strike from December 4, 1973 in support of their demand relating *inter-alia* to wages for the earlier strike period in April-May, 1973. The management declared a lock-out from December 23, 1973 on account of alleged sabotage by the workers. The lock-out was lifted from January 14, 1974 on the invoking of Rule 119 of the Defence of India Rules by the Delhi Administration, who were principally concerned with the matter.

Chinese Military Delegation's visit to Pakistan

430. SHRI M. K. MOHTA :

SHRI PITAMBER DAS:

SHRI J. P. YADAV :

SHRI DWIJENDRALAL SEN
GUPTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high-powered Chinese military delegation visited Pakistan recently;

(b) whether Government have received any report with regard to the purpose of the visit of the delegation to that country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Chinese military delegation visited Pakistan at the invitation of the Pakistan Army Chief of Staff, possibly as a reciprocal return visit, after the visit of a similar Pakistani team to China last year. Government took into account all related developments having a bearing on our security.