

(b) the names of the concerns receiving annual allocation of these by-products from the Indian Iron and Steel Company ;

(c) whether the Indian Iron and Steel Company give priority in allotment of these by-products to the small scale industrial units to be run by the educated unemployed under Government's crash programme, "Half-a-million jobs programme (1973-74) for educated unemployed" ; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Allotment of Scooters by Canteen Stores Department

917. SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 458 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st March, 1974 and to state :

(a) the number of scooters received by the Canteen Stores Department from the manufacturers from January, 1973 to February 1974; and

(b) the number of allotments made since April 1971 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK) : (a) 5,904 scooters were received by the Canteen Stores Department (India) from the manufacturers from January, 1973 to February 1974.

(b) 21,954 scooters have been allotted since April 1971.

Import of Fertilisers from Japan

207. SHRIMATI KUMUDBEN MANI-SHANKER JOSHI : Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan has decided to reduce the export of fertiliser to India ; and

(b) if so, to what extent and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) There has been no reduction in the quantities of fertilisers under the various contracts with Japan.

(b) Does not arise.

Committee of experts on Unemployment Problem

271. SHRI SANDA NARAYANAPPA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

• (a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to appoint a Committee of Experts to study the unemployment problem; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. A Committee on Unemployment, set up in December, 1970, has already submitted its Report, which was laid on the Table of the House on 3-8-1973.

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