

DR. Z. A. AHMAD :

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :  
SHRI CHANDRA SHE-  
KHAR :

SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE :  
SHRI KRISHAN KANT :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 921 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th Novemer, 1973, and state :

(a) whether Government have since considered the question of giving recognition to the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam; and

(b) if so, the date from which recognition is proposed to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b) The matter of recognition of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam continues to be under the consideration of the Government and a decision will be taken at an appropriate time.

#### Sanction of additional capacity to Car Manufacturing Units

1121. MISS SAROJ PURUSHO-  
TAM KHAPARDE :

SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY :  
SHRI K. B. CHETTRI :

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether additional capacity has been sanctioned to any car manufacturing units; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Use of charcoal gas in cars

1122. SHRIMATI SUMITRA G.  
KULKARNI :

SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHAN-  
KAR ADIVAREKAR :

SHRIMATI RATHNABAI  
SRENIVASA RAO :

SHRI M. S. ABDUL KHA-  
DER :

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to examine the feasibility of using charcoal gas in cars as a substitute for petrol; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposed examination will cover all the relevant aspects such as availability of the alternative materials, economics of using the alternative fuel, effect in short-run and long-run of alternative fuel on other systems in the vehicles and the safety and security of the engines of vehicles and users.

#### Indian territory shown as part of China in Romanian maps

1123. SHRI M. K. MOHTA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Romania has recently shown Indian territory as part of China in her maps; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b) We are not aware of any recent map having been published in Romania depicting the boundary between India and China. The Government of India have informed the Romanian Government of their views in regard to earlier Romanian maps which

had incorrectly depicted the India-China boundary.

**न्यूनतम मजदूरी अधिनियम में संशोधन**

1124. श्री ओउम प्रकाश त्यागी :

श्री पितम्बर दास :

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :

श्री मान सिंह वर्मा :

क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को न्यूनतम मजदूरी अधिनियम में संशोधन करने के लिये कर्मकारों की ओर से कोई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुआ है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका व्यौरा क्या है और इस विषय में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

**†[Amendment of Minimum Wages Act**

1124. SHRI O. P. TYAGI :

SHRI PITAMBER DAS :

SHRI J. P. YADAV :

SHRI MAN SINGH VERMA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from workers for amending the Minimum Wages Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action Government have taken in the matter?

श्रम मंत्रालय में उपस्थित (श्री बालगोविन्द वर्मा) : (क) और (ख) राष्ट्रीय श्रम आयोग की सिफारिशों से पैदा हुए अधिनियम के संशोधन में विभिन्न प्रस्तावों और अन्य स्रोतों से प्राप्त विभिन्न प्रस्तावों पर कार्यवाही शुरू की जा रही है ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) and (b) Various proposals for amendment of the Act arising out of the recommendations of the National Commission on Labour and also those received from other sources are being processed.]

**Non-payment of provident fund by companies**

1125. SHRI KALYAN ROY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent judgement of the Supreme Court in the case of Rajnagar Spinning and Weaving Manufacturing Company regarding the responsibility of Companies for non-payment of provident fund;

(b) if so, the names of companies whose directors were prosecuted for non-deposit of provident fund from 1971 to 1973 and the amount involved in each case; and

(c) the amount of provident fund which has not been deposited by various companies during the above period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : The Provident Fund Authorities have reported as under :—

(a) yes.

(b) and (c) The information is not readily available and is being collected.

**Installed capacity of durgapur steel plant**

1126. SHRI KALYAN ROY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 1726 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 1973 and state :