

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI J.B. PATNAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

Retrenchments from defence units are made only when surpluses are found as a result of periodical reviews, reorganisation, disbandments, economy cuts, reduction in workload or similar other reasons.

(b) Efforts are made to provide alternative jobs to the retrenched personnel either in equivalent posts or in lower posts to the extent possible.]

Project for the manufacture of Lambretta Scooters

372. SHRI M.B. SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state the progress made so far in regard to setting up of a proposed project in the public sector for the manufacture of Lambretta Scooter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): The construction of the factory buildings is in progress. The machine tools and equipment imported from the works of M/s INNOCENTI, Italy for the manufacture of two wheelers have been received at the site. Equipments for three wheelers are expected to be received in January, 1974. Production of two-wheelers is likely to commence in August, 1974.

Memorandum by Federation of Burmah Shell Junior Management staff Association

373. SHRI SANDA NARAYANAPPA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 786 given of in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st August, 1973 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the memorandum has since been sent to him personally by the Federation of Burmah Shell Management Staff Association; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction to the points raised in the memorandum with particular reference to job security in the Company?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) and (b) Apart

from the memorandum dated June 5, 1973 addressed by the Association to the management of the Burmah Shell Company, referred to in the reply to the Starred Question No. 786, the Ministry of Labour have not received any further Memorandum from the Association. The points raised in the above Memorandum related to pay scales, D.A., house rent allowance, car running allowance etc., and there was no reference to job security in the Company.

374. [Transferred to the 11nd November, 1973)

इस्पात का उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिए उठाये गये कदम

375. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इस्पात के उत्पादन के संबंध में भारत पिछड़ गया है; और यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ख) उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

†[Steps to gear-up production of steel

375. SHRI J.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has lagged behind in steel production; and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to gear up the production?]

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री सुखदेव प्रसाद) : (क) इस्पात बनाने की क्षमता लगाने में भारत पीछे नहीं है। अतिरिक्त क्षमता लगाने का संबंध वस्तुतः मांग के पूर्वानुमानों तथा साधनों की उपलब्धि से है।

(ख) अनुपूरक सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था, प्रौद्योगिक सुधार, बिजली की सप्लाई, कोकिंग कोयले तथा परिवहन में सुधार द्वारा वर्तमान इस्पात कारखानों के उत्पादन को अधिकतम करने

†[] English translation.