

**ARREARS OF IM' IN MAHARASHTRA**

37.1. SHRIMATI SATYAVATI DANG: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the yearwise arrears of Provident Funds of the mines in coalfields near Nagpur in Maharashtra for the last five years;

(b) whether any of the mines belong to individuals, partnership firms or private limited companies or closely-held companies; if so, the names of the companies;

(c) if so, the action taken for the realisation of the IM' dues;

111. MINISTERS OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADIKAR): (a) and (c) Information is being collected. It will be laid down on the table of the Sabha in due course.

**PROVIDENT FUND ARREARS**

372. SHRI KALYAN ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state whether nearly Rs. 31 lakhs of Coal Mines Provident Fund contributions which have not been deposited by the managements of Patmohana, Damoda and Western Kajora coal mines, have since been realised; if not, what is the total amount which has been collected so far?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADIKAR): The Coal Mines Provident Fund authorities have reported as under:—

Total dues outstanding from Patmohana, Damoda and Western Kajora Collieries as on 31-3-1972 were Rs. 30.8 lakhs. The dues amounting to Rs. 10.8 lakhs were approximately as final assessment for a portion of the period of default was not then complete. Final assessment has now been completed upto April, 1972 in respect of Patmohana Colliery, upto August, 1972 in respect of Damoda Colliery and upto June, 1972 in respect of Western Kajora Colliery. The total amount outstanding from these three coal mines for the period upto which

assessment has been completed as stated above comes to Rs. 42.89 lakhs out of which Rs. 1.55 lakhs have been recovered leaving a balance of Rs. 33.01 lakhs.

**THE MINISTERS OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION**

373. SHRI BRAHMANANDA PANDA:

SHRI J. S. SAMAL:  
SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR:  
SHRI GURUMUKH SINGH:  
MUSAFIR:  
SHRI KRISHAN KANT:  
SHRI V. B. RAJU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn in the warning given by Science in the New York Times ((inference) to the fact that the Black September group of Islamic Terrorists might hold the world to ransom with their own atom bombs; and

(b) if so, what is Government's assessment of the situation?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Government has taken the statement issue,

the Pugwash Conference' which includes the following:—

"There is a danger, to some degree present, that processed fissile materials in storage or in transit may fall into the hands of irresponsible, possibly irresponsible, fanatical groups. The need for ensuring the physical protection of fissile materials, both international and national means, must be strongly emphasized".

(b) Government are cognisant of the need for ensuring the physical protection of fissile materials. In particular, the possibility of pilferage or unauthorised use of such materials is one of the dangers inherent in the continued manufacture and stock-piling of nuclear weapons by the Nuclear Weapon Powers. Government, therefore, have continued to press for effective measures to ensure disarmament as well as only the need to averting such a danger.