

**LABOUR LAWS IN THE 9TH SCHEDULE
OF THE CONSTITUTION**

*135. SHRI KRISHAN KANT: SHRI SYED AHMAD: SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH: SHRI CHANDRA SHE-KHAR: SHRI D. P. SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to recent demand of the newspaper industry employees that all labour laws should be included in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution to give them immunity from being challenged in law courts ; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR): (a) Government have seen a Press Report to this effect.

(b) This requires detailed and careful examination.

MEDICAL COLLEGE IN NEPAL

*136. SHRI GUNANAND THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India is going to open a medical college in Nepal at the request of Nepal Government-, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. No such request has been received from His Majesty's Government, Nepal in this regard.

DIFFICULTIES FACED BY HOUSE BUILDERS DUE TO NON-AVAILABILITY OF STEEL AT CONTROL RATES

*137. SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the small house builders are facing lot of difficul-

ties in getting the steel at Government rates ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to relieve the house builders of this genuine difficulty ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMAR-MANGALAM): (a) and (b) In view of the shortages, all classes of house builders are facing some difficulty in getting steel. Small house builders are expected to get supply of steel material for house building from the Main Steel Producers' Stockyards at Stockyard prices. Under the Stockyard distribution procedure, a percentage of availability of steel has been earmarked for supply only to house builders.

In so far as supply of steel material to house builders in and around Delhi is concerned, the distribution has been entrusted to a Committee named the Main Steel Producers Committee consisting of the representatives of the three Main Steel Producers in Delhi. The entire availability of house-building materials earmarked for Delhi area is pooled together and distributed after considering the applications received in the Offices of all the three Main Steel Producers in Delhi. Preference is given to the requirements of the small house-builders.

सरकारी उपकरणों के प्रबन्ध में कामगारों का सहयोग

* 138. श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर :

श्री डी० के० पटेल :

श्री लाल आडवाणी :

श्री ना० कृ० शेजवलकर :

श्री रतन लाल जैन :

श्री मान सिंह वर्मा :

क्या श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्रो यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उन सरकारी उपकरणों और व्यापारिक विभागों का प्रतिशत कितना है जिनमें