

MINES SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN.) (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

† RETRENCHMENT OF WORKERS FROM CALCUTTA PORT

644. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 550 workers in the Ore handling sector of Calcutta Port were served with notices of retrenchment from 1st April, 1972; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Notices were served on about 850 workers.

(b) This was due to the reduction in the quantities of iron ore exported through the Calcutta Port.

B. B. C. TELEVISION BROADCAST

687. SHRI M.K. MOHTA : SHRI K.C. PANDA: SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL: SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAGAR-

LAMUDI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government of India has been drawn to a report published in the Hindustan Times dated the 14th June, 1972, stating that the British Broadcasting Corporation in a television broadcast has projected the most alarming and gloomy picture of Bangla Desh and its relations with India; and

(b) if so, whether Government of India have procured a copy of the B.B.C. special film and assessed its implications?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The film, shown over the B.B.C. on June 12, was specially devoted to Bangladesh and its problems. It reviewed the economic and social problems facing Bangla Desh after six months of independence. A considerable part of the programme was devoted to the plight of the non-Bengalis Muslims. Reference to Indo-Bangla Desh relations were very few and only in passing. There was an acknowledgment that India's food aid at the beginning probably saved Bangla Desh twice from death.

(b) We do not normally buy copies of films from television companies unless they are of publicity value to us. No copy of this film has been purchased though a tape of the programme has been made.

भारतीय नाभिकीय रिप्लेक्टर के सम्बन्ध में अमेरिकी विशेषज्ञों के विचार

683. श्री पंडरीनाथ सोयाराम जी पांडित :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान कतिपय समाचार-पत्रों में हाल में प्रकाशित इस आणविक के समाचार की ओर दिनाया गया है कि कुछ अमेरिकी विशेषज्ञों के मतानुसार भारतीय नाभिकीय रिप्लेक्टर पर अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय परमाणु शक्ति एजेंसी का नियंत्रण न होने के कारण नाभिकीय शस्त्रों के विस्तार को रोकने की नीति के लिए खतरा पैदा हो गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उस पर भारत की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

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683. SHRI P. S. PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

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