

(d) if so, what is the help India is going to get from the U. N. in regard to the intensive development of coconut agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE/कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b) The observer of the United Nations Development Programme who attended the Fourth Session of the Asian Coconut i Community held in April, 1971 at New Delhi indicated that their organisation would be willing to give favourable consideration, within the limits of their resources, to any specific request that is made to them particularly with regard to mutual visits of suitable technical staff of the countries, exchange of germ plasm materials, provision of the services of consultants in certain fields and feasibility studies to determine marketability of coconut products and the type of plant that would be best suited to the manufacture of products.

(c) Yes.

(d) Programmes will be formulated and processed in the light of the indications given by the U. N. D. P.

OPENING OF NEW MINES BY PRIVATE COLLIERIES

*288. SHRI M. V. BHADRAM :

SHRI BALACHANDRA MENON:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES/इस्पात और खान मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to permit private collieries to work new seams or open new mines within their lease-holds or in contiguous areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES/इस्पात और खान मंत्री (SHRI S. MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM):

(a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration. However, the policy of Government has been to consider favourably the grant of coal mining leases for contiguous areas to private parties for maintaining production and avoiding hardship likely to be caused due to retrenchment of labour.

FORMULA FOR RELATING WAGES DIRECTLY TO PRODUCTIVITY

*289. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE : SHRI G. R. PATIL :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent suggestions of Shri D. C. Kothari, President, of the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry to evolve a formula for relating at least some portion of the increase in wages directly to productivity; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) Yes.

(b) There is no permanent way other than by increasing production and productivity to advance the standard of life of our people and in this view, any attempt directed only towards an increase in wages without any increase in productivity will inevitably result in inflation. Schemes for linking wages with productivity, keeping in view the interest of consumers also, are best worked out at the plant level jointly by the employers and workmen, taking note of local conditions.

INDIA SUPPLY MISSIONS

*290. DR. B. N. ANTANI ; Will the Minister of SUPPLY / पूर्ति मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of expenditure annually incurred on the India Supply Missions in London and Washington respectively ;

(b) the ratio of the above expenditure as a percentage of the total stores purchased by the Missions annually;

(c) the reasons for not purchasing of the stores through trade channels; and

(d) whether it is necessary to maintain the Missions and if so, the reasons therefor?