

ACCIDENTS IN INDUSTRIES

926. SHRI KALYAN ROY : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND RE-HABILITATION/ श्रम और पुनर्वासि मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sharp rise in industrial accidents during the last three years if so, the figures thereof, including the number of workers killed in accidents between 1963 to 1971;

(b) whether frequency rate of accidents is also on increase; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to halt this increase and tighten safety measures ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND RE-HABILITATION/ श्रम और पुनर्वासि मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHR BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) to (c) Available information in respect of industrial accidents in factories and mines and frequency rates per thousand persons employed is given in two Statements attached. [See Appendix LXXVI, Annexure No. 57 and 58.]

As far as mines are concerned, which are the direct responsibility of the Central Government, the frequency rate of number of persons killed/seriously injured per thousand persons employed has shown a steady decline during the last three years. Government are ever vigilant to ensure that all provisions of safety are rigidly enforced in all mines.

As regards factories, apart from requesting State Governments to strengthen suitably their Factory Inspectorates, organisation of training programmes on safety and conduct of safety weeks, there is also a proposal under consideration to amend the Factories Act suitably to provide for appointment of safety officers in factories employing more than a specified number of workers and in factories where the processes are of a particularly hazardous nature.

IMPORT OF STEEL BY HINDUSTAN STEEL

927. SHRI KRISHAN KANT :
SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP :
DR. SALIG RAM :
SHRI ARJUN ARORA :

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

(a) the total quantity of steel imported in 1970-71 by the Hindustan Steel Limited;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange spent for these imports; and

(c) the countries from where the steel was imported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES/ इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) :

(a) 98,053 tonnes.

(b) Rs. 11.13 crores.

(c) Japan, U.K., U.S.A., West Germany, Holland, U.S.S.R., Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and France.

कृषि आयोग

928. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :
क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कृषि आयोग के अध्यक्ष पद का कार्य सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के किसी दूसरे व्यक्ति द्वारा कब तक सम्भाले जाने की सम्भावना है ;

(ख) क्या संसद् को इस आयोग द्वारा की गई, प्रगति से अवगत कराया जायेगा ; और

(ग) क्या इस आयोग के मदस्यों में कोई परिवर्तन किया गया है या किये जाने का विचार है यदि हां तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?