

M/S. COMINCO BINANI LTD. IN KERALA

*429. SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHARAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES/ इस्पात और खान मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total investment in Cominco Binani Ltd., in Kerala;

(b) what is its production of zinc and the number of labourers employed by the Company; and

(c) whether the Hindustan Zinc Ltd. in Rajasthan is in the Public Sector, and if so, what is the investment on it, and its production and the number of labourers employed therein ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES/ इस्पात और खान मंत्री (SHRI S MOHAN KUMARAMANGALAM). (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT

(a) It has been reported by M/s Cominco Binani Zinc Ltd. that their investment in the Zinc Smelter is of the order of Rs 6 crores.

(b) The Company produced 11,717 tonnes of zinc metal during 1970-71 (upto February, 1971). There are at present 464 labourers on the rolls of the Company

(c) The Hindustan Zinc Ltd. is a Central Government Company. The Government have so far invested a sum of Rs. 1569.47 lakhs (Rs. 784.67 lakhs in equity and Rs 784.80 lakhs by way of loans) As on 1-4-1971, 4,039 persons of various categories were in the employment of the Company in their different units including about 3500 workers (skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled). The unit-wise break up is given below —

Zawar Mines	Zinc Smelter	Lead Smelter	Head Office	Calcutta Office	Total
No of	2,285	1,078	511	158	7
persons employed.					4,639

Unlike Cominco Binani Zinc Ltd which operates only a smelter, Hindus-

tan Zinc Ltd has its own mines, zinc and lead smelters and also a fertilizer plant

The Company produced 10,741 tonnes of zinc metal in 1970-71.

CHRESTION MICA INDUSTRIES, BIHAR†

*232 SHRI SALIL KUMAR GAN-GULY.

SHRI MONORANJAN ROY :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the mica workers of Chrestion Mica Industries, Sibsagar, Hazaribagh District, Bihar, went on strike during March, 1971;

(b) what were the main demands of the workers;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to meet the demands of the workers;

(d) if so the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION/ श्रम और पुनर्वास मंत्रालय मे उप मंत्री (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) (a) to (e) The matter falls in State Sphere

HUNGER STRIKE BY F.C.I STAFF

430. SHRI SASANKASEKHAR SANYAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE/ कृषि मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees who are engaged in loading and unloading of food in Food Corporation of India, Calcutta went on a hunger-strike before the Office of Zonal Manager, FCI, during April 1971;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the main demands of the workers;

(d) whether Government have taken any measures to redress their grievances, and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Transferred from the 2nd June, 1971