

(c) to (e) Out of 600 numbers of tractors allotted to the Punjab State, 501 tractors were distributed in the State and 99 still remain unsold. Complaints about the defective performance of these tractors have been received from almost all the buyers. A Protocol has been signed between the State Trading Corporation and the G. D. R. suppliers on 21.2.1971 regarding return of modified RS. 09 tractors. Modified RS. 09 tractors are to be returned according to the terms specified in the Protocol. No tractor has so far been formally returned to the G. D. R. suppliers.

(f) and (g) The matter is under consideration.

INFLUX OF REFUGEES FROM AMARKOT IN SINDH

*143. DR. B.N. ANTANI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND RE-HABILITATION/श्रम और पुनर्वासि मंत्री be pleased to state'-

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindus numbering 165 or so settled down in Amarkot in sindh (Pakistan) recently crossed over" Barmer in India; and

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether Government have enquired into the reason for their leaving Pakistan; and if so, the details thereof?

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पुनर्वासि मंत्री (SHRI R.K. KHADILKAR)

ra) 167 persons from Chachdo village in Sindh (Pakistan) entered Barmer District in February, 1971. This is presumably the group of persons men-tioned in the Question.

(b) The reason for their leaving Pakistan, as intimated by the Collector Barmer, to the Government of Rajas-than, is harassment in Pakistan.

STRIKE BY WORKERS OF BAILADILA IRON ORE PROJECT

* 144. SHRI KALYAN ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES/इस्पात और खान मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the serious discontent among the workers of the Bailadila Iron Ore Project who had gone on strike in April, 1971, the number of workers who were involved in the strike and what are the grievances of the workers:

(b) whether a large number of workers and leaders of recognised union have been arrested at the instigation of the management, and if so, the number thereof :

(c) whether any worker has been victimised for the strike and if so, how many : and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to bring about an amicable settlement in (he matter'.'

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

(a) The Samyukta Khadan Maz-door Sangh in the Bailadila Iron Ore Project went on strike from 16th to 25th April, 1971. About 1465 workers were involved in the strike. The workers demanded employment of some local women who were not on the rolls of the Project on 15th April, 1971.

(b) None of the trade unions functioning at Bailadila are recognised. The District Authorities arrested a number of persons for breach of peace and violation of Section-144 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) As a result of discussions held between the representatives of the management and the striking workers

on 23rd April, 1971, normalcy was restored and the strike was withdrawn.

PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS

* 145. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH. TOHRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE /be

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pleased to state :

(a) whether Punjab Government have requested the Central Government to take steps to check the growing prices of agricultural inputs in India and bring them down to the level prevailing in 1969 :

(b) the details of the communication received from the Punjab Government in this regard : and

(c) the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE/

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री

(SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) The communication in question does not appear to have been received. It is true that the price of certain inputs have risen marginally during 1970-71 as compared to 1969-70 according to the All India index numbers of important agricultural inputs, except diesel oil. However, the Government reduced the prices of popular varieties of imported fertilisers during 1969-70 and 1970-71. The price of a particular variety of ammonium sulphate was reduced by Rs. 100/- per M. T. during 1969-70. Recently, the price of urea has been reduced by Rs. 20/- per M. T. with effect from 4.3.1971. There is also a downward trend in prices of seeds of established varieties.

(b) and (c) In view of the answer to part (a), the question does not arise.

* 146. I Transferred to the 3rd June, 1971]

STUDY INTO THE WORKING OF HINDUSTAN STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING CORPORATION

* 147. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES / इस्पात और खान मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently ordered a thorough study into the working of the Hindustan Steel Limited and the Heavy Engineering Corporation ;

(b) if so, the objectives of such a study :

(c) whether similar studies into the working of these Corporations were made in the past also : and

(d) if so, the major items on which the new study is likely to throw light?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

D. M. S. MILR

* 148. CHAUDHARYA. MOHAMMAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE /be pleased

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to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of the milk supplied by the Delhi Milk Scheme has of late deteriorated ; and