

are not true. The question of Government taking any step in this matter does not therefore, arise.

1293. [Transferred to the 17th December, 1970]

EXEMPTION FROM EXCISE DUTY ON
ALUMINIUM EXTRUSION

1294. SHRI BHAGWAT DAYAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the secondary manufacturers of aluminium extrusions have represented to Government that they have to incur an extra expenditure to the extent of about Rs. 1,000 per metric tonne on procurement of crude aluminium by way of Central Sales-Tax, forwarding and freight charges *vis-a-vis* the primary producers who do not bear any such expenditure on account of using their own crude metal ;

(b) whether the extra expenditure so incurred necessarily results in higher prices being fixed by secondary manufacturers for their finished extrusions, which seriously affects their competitive position ; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to exempt the extruded aluminium products of secondary manufacturers from excise duty so as to neutralise the advantage enjoyed by the primary producers in organised sector and improve the competitive position of secondary manufacturers ?

THE MINISTER OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Two secondary manufacturers and one trade association have represented that they have to incur extra expenditure *vis-a-vis* the primary producers in respect of extruded products manufactured by them.

(b) and (c) This question was referred to a Working Group set up by the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals and Mines & Metals to go into the pricing policy of aluminium and its products. After the report of the Working Group is examined, Government will take such steps as may appear necessary.

DEATH OF AN EMPLOYEE OF A.G. OFFICE,
RANCHI

1295. SHRI A.P. CHATTERJEE
SHRI MONORANJAN ROY
SHRI NIREN GHOSH :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Lalmani Subarno, an employee of the Office of the Accountant General, Ranchi, Bihar, died a premature death due to the high handedness of the officers ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the deceased employee was compelled to work after duty hours during his illness and leave was not granted to him at any time ;

(d) whether Government would consider to institute an enquiry into the death of Shri Subarno ;

(e) whether the Non-Gazetted Employees' Association has also demanded an enquiry into the matter ;

(f) if so, when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard ; and

(g) if the answer to part (d) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Shri Lalmani Sabarno, a Selection Grade Clerk of the office of the A.G., Bihar died on the 12th April, 1970 after having been frequently ill during the period from 11.12.68 to 11.4.70. At the time of his death he was aged 47.

(c) No, Sir. During the period from 11.12.68 to 11.4.70 he was on leave on seven occasions for a total period of 132 days.

(d) to (g) A demand for an enquiry was made by the Civil Audit and Accounts Association of A. G., Bihar. As the official's death was due to quite ordinary circumstances, no necessity for an enquiry into the death exists.

NON-COMPLETION OF WORK ON
NATIONAL HIGHWAY No. 31

1296. SHRI SRIMAN PRAFULLA GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the reasons for the non-completion of the work on National Highway No. 31 in respect of the diversion of the road crossing the railway line near Ghograpar railway station in Kamrup district in Assam for the last many years ; and

(b) the time by when it is likely to be completed and opened for the movement of traffic ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SARDAR IQBAL SINGH): (a) The realign-