

individual consumers in the small scale industries;

(b) whether State Development Corporations are given any directives by Government with regard to the consumers whose permits are delayed; and

(c) if so the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA) : (a) Foreign exchange allocation for import of copper for the small scale sector is made half-yearly by the Ministry of Steel and Mines (Department of Mines and Metals), on receipt of which the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries makes Statewise allocations of the total quantity of copper expected to be available against the foreign exchange allocation. Allotments in favour of individual consumers are recommended by the State Directors of Industries to the Controller of Non-Ferrous Metals, against the quota allotted to each State. The State Directors also indicate the allottees to whom permits for direct acquisition of copper should be issued by the Non-Ferrous Metals Controller and the allottees to whom releases should be made through the State Small Industries Corporation or Development Corporation or Raw Material Depots. On the basis of these recommendations, permits are issued by the Non-Ferrous Metals Controller either to the individual consumer or the State nominee for acquisition of copper from the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd., through whom imports of copper for small scale industries are canalised. Where permits are issued to State Corporation etc., the Non-Ferrous Metals Controller indicates in the permits the individual units recommended by the State Government to whom the material should be supplied.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) When supplies against permits are delayed, the matter is taken up at once with the State Development Corporations and also with the Directors of industries of the States concerned, by the Controller of Non-Ferrous Metals. They are directed to see that early supply of copper is made to the parties according to the permits issued by the Non-Ferrous Metals Controller.

DISPARITY IN COPPER PRICE

156. SHRI YELLA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that discrimination is being practised while charging the price of copper to small units in the small scale industries; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and what action is being taken to remove this discrimination?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER in THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY (SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA): (a) and (b) Import of copper for small-scale industries is channelised through the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Limited, New Delhi. Its distribution and price are regulated according to the provisions of the Non-ferrous Metals Control Order, 1958. The price of copper supplied to the consumer is determined on the basis of landed cost plus a margin of 3½% as provided in the Control Order. The Corporation does not charge more than the price as prescribed in the Control Order. In recent months, however, due to frequent and wide fluctuations and rise in the price of copper in the international market, the prices of different consignments have markedly varied. There has, therefore, been a corresponding difference in the price of copper supplied to consumers from different consignments. This appears to have

created an impression of discrimination in the rates of copper supplied to different consumers. Caution is exercised in issuing permits for copper to ensure that as far as possible the incidence of higher price is evenly shared by consumers in all the States.

IMPROVEMENT OF PARLAKHEMUNDI-GUNUPUR RAILWAYS IN ORISSA

157. SHRI N. PATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the General Manager of the South Eastern Railway visited the Parlakhemundi-Gunupur Railway in O.-issa, recently; and

(b) if so, what are the modifications and alterations suggested by him for the improvement of the said Railway, both in respect of goods and passenger traffic?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAM NATH): (a) and (b) The General Manager, South Eastern Railway did inspect the Naupada-Parlakhemundi-Gunupurnarrow gauge line about the middle of June, 1965. Representatives of the local public met him on this inspection and complained about the inadequacy of train service and the prolonged journey time taken by the narrow gauge trains. It was explained to them that so long as the line continued to be narrow gauge, the journey time could not appreciably be reduced. The line, even as it is, incurring nearly a loss of about Rs. 2 lakhs Per annum. Conversion of the line to broad gauge would involve an investment of about Rs. 5-5 crores, and would be justified financially. He is, however, considering the question of effecting rehabilitation of the track and rolling stock, with a view to improve the passenger services and goods transport facilities to the extent practicable and justified.

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RE. ARREST OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF LOK SABHA

श्री गोडे मुराहरि (उत्तर प्रदेश) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, आपकी अनुमति से मैं सरकार का ध्यान इस ओर खींचना चाहूंगा कि तीन संसद के सदस्य डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया, श्री कृष्ण पटनायक और श्री मनी राम बागड़ी, इन तीन सदस्यों की गिरफ्तारियां यहां हो चुकी हैं और इन में से दो सदस्य श्री मनीराम बागड़ी और श्री कृष्ण पटनायक की गिरफ्तारी पार्लियामेंट जिस दिन शुरू हुई उस दिन यहां पर दिल्ली में की गई। एक तो सरकार को यहां पर एक बयान देना चाहिये था, केवल गिरफ्तारियों के ऊपर नहीं बल्कि सारी घटनाओं के ऊपर ...

SHRI C. D. PANDE (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, on a point of order. The Members referred to by the hon. Member belong to the Lok Sabha and their cases have been fully dealt with there. The Government have replied to their question. It is no use reading the question again.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have allowed him to have his say.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West Bengal): We will have a joint session.

श्री गोडे मुराहरि : वे संसद के सदस्य हैं, चाहे वे राज्य सभा के हों, चाहे लोक सभा के हों, और जो चीज उन पर हुई है वह राज्य सभा के सदस्यों पर भी हो सकती है। इसलिये मैं चाहूंगा, आप उन चीजों के बारे में ध्यान रखें और इसके बारे में आप कोई रुलिंग नहीं दें, एक डाइरेक्टिव दे, कि हिन्दुस्तान में एक संसद सदस्य की, जब संसद का कार्य चालू रहे उस वक्त कोई गिरफ्तारी हो, यह कभी नहीं होना चाहिये और साथ ही साथ सरकार को कम से कम इतनी मर्यादा रखनी चाहिये कि संसद में आकर इसके बारे में कोई न कोई एक बयान दें और जो हिन्दुस्तान में सारी