

the entire production of important chemicals, viz., naphthalene and phenol to big business houses and foreign-owned companies; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV) :

(a) No, Sir. The by-product chemicals are supplied in accordance with the policy and procedure laid down by Hindustan Steel Limited in this behalf from time to time. The available supplies are made to industries which are dependent on these products as raw materials. Whenever there is a surplus, supplies are also made to other interested buyers, preferably consumers.

(b) Does not arise.

Legislation to Regulate Industrial Relations

*263. SHRI N. H. KUMBHARE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to bring forward a comprehensive legislation to regulate industrial relations; and

(b) by when the proposed Bill is likely to be brought before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI K. V. RAGHUNATH A REDDY) : (a) and

(b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Indians in South Africa

*264. SHRI H. S. NARASIAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Indians who have settled in South Africa;

(b) whether it is a fact that they are being discriminated against on account of their colour; and

(c) if, so what steps Government have taken to protect their interests?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS) : (a) There are no Indian nationals settled in the Republic of Union of South Africa. However,

reportedly there are about seven lakh people of Indian origin who are not Indian nationals, settled there.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of India has completely boycotted the racist regime of the Union of South Africa in all fields because of its policy of apartheid and supports energetically all moves of the United Nations to bring apartheid to an early end.

Handling of Marketing operations of H.S.L. by SAIL

*265. SHRI PRAKASH MEHROTRA-SHRI I. TOMPOK SINGH: SHRI ROSHAN LAL :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the marketing operations of the Hindustan Steel Limited Calcutta are being handled by the Steel Authority of India, Limited;

(b) whether any guidelines/policy has been framed by the Steel Authority of India Limited for marketing of fertilizer and chemicals produced by the Hindustan Steel Limited; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV) :

(a) No, Sir. The marketing of the products of Hindustan Steel Limited is handled by the Central Sales Organisation of the Company.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Asian Summit Meet

*266. SHRI LAKSHMANA MAHAPATRO: SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA : DR. Z.A. AHMAD :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Asian-Summit is likely to precede the proposed non-aligned summit at Colombo; and*

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?*