

taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Seventeenth Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) on GAIL (India) Limited - A Comprehensive Examination.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

कुमारी निर्मला देशपांडे (नाम-निर्देशित) : महोदय, मैं “विदेश में उच्चतर अध्ययन के लिए अनुसूचित जाति के विद्यार्थियों के लिए राष्ट्रीय विदेश छात्रवृत्ति योजना” के संबंध में महिलाओं को शक्तियां प्रदान करने संबंधी समिति (चौदहवीं लोक सभा) के छठे प्रतिवेदन में अंतर्विष्ट सिफारिशों पर सरकार द्वारा की गई कार्रवाई के संबंध में उक्त समिति (2007-2008) के चौदहवें प्रतिवेदन की एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) सभा पटल पर रखती हूँ।

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOUR

SHRI ARJUN KUMAR SENGUPTA (West Bengal) : Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Twenty-Fifth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour on “The Unorganized Sector Workers Social Security Bill, 2007”.

STATEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN (West Bengal): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Statements of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas showing further action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in Chapter I and Chapter V of the following Reports of the Committee:—

- (i) Tenth Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Sixth Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) on Pricing of Petroleum Products.
- (ii) Eleventh Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Seventh Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) on Exploration of Oil and Natural Gas including Coal Bed Methane and Thirteenth Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) on action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Ninth Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) on Demands for Grants (2006-2007) of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

STATEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON URBAN DEVELOPMENT

श्री कृष्ण लाल बाल्मीकि (राजस्थान) : महोदय, मैं निम्नलिखित विवरणों की एक-एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) सभा पटल पर रखता हूँ :

- (i) Statement showing action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the 16th Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee relating to the action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in their 8th Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) on The Delhi Development Authority (DDA).
- (ii) Statement showing action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the 18th Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee relating to the action taken by the Government on the recommendation contained in their 14th Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Urban Development' for the year 2006-2007; and

Statement showing action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the 19th Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) of the Committee relating to the action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in their 15th Report (Fourteenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation' for the year 2006-2007.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

The Status of Implementation of Recommendations Contained in One Hundred Seventy-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Sir, on behalf of Shri Kapil Sibal, I beg to lay a statement on the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the One Hundred Seventy-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests.

MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION

Protests against Setting up of Steel Plant at Jagatsinghpur, Orissa

SHRI D. RAJA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I would like to make a mention here on an issue of great importance. I wish this House takes note of what is happening in the Jagatsinghpur district of Orissa.

There is a very strong popular resistance to the steel plant proposed to be set up by Posco and there is a genuine fear and apprehension in the minds of several thousands of villagers living in that area. If that plant is set up, they will be displaced and the fertile agricultural land will be taken over by the Posco Steel Plant. I have been to that area; it is a very fertile agricultural land where paddy, coconut and beetlenut are cultivated. It is a fertile agricultural land and I do not know why such an agricultural land should be taken over by this plant.

Secondly, this plant is supposed to use up a large quantity of water from the River Mahanadi. This will lead to a very serious water crisis in the entire Mahanadi Delta. Also, it will cause very serious drinking water crisis for the city of Cuttack and other places on the banks of River Mahanadi.