

Wages of workers in Plantations

633. DR R K CHAKRABARTI

SHRI K B CHETTRI .

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the wage structure in the Tea Industry is different from the other plantation industries like coffee, rubber cardmom etc ,

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ,

(c) whether it is also a fact that the tea garden workers of Darjeeling and Cacher get the lowest wage , and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof, and the action taken by Government to remove the disparity ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI G VENKAT SWAMY)

(a) to (d) The latest information in regard to present wages of workers in various classes of plantations is not available , it will have to be collected from the State Governments

Defence Minister's visit to Moscow

634 SHRI M. K. MOHTA :

SHRIMATI SAVITA BEHEN

SHRI V. K. SAKHLECHA

Will the MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether he visited Moscow recently, and

(b) if so, the purpose of the visit and the outcome of the discussions held with the Soviet Government ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The visit was in response to an invitation extended to the Raksha Mantri and Smt. Jagjivan Ram by the Defence Minister of USSR, Marshal Grechko, for rest and recreation. The discussions with the Soviet authorities resulted in fuller appreciation of problems of common interest to the two countries.

Exploding of a Nuclear Device by China

635. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH.

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported exploding of a nuclear device in the atmosphere on June 27, by China, in Sinkiang area , and

(b) if so, the Government reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) , (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government's policy on the manufacture of nuclear weapons has been explained in Parliament on several occasions. Government believe that the defence of our borders can be best ensured by adequate military preparedness based on conventional weapons.

Setting up of Industries in Mysore

636 SHRI U K LAKSHMANA GOWDA : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(i) the number of Industries (with names) proposed to be set up under Heavy Industry in the State of Mysore during the Fourth and Fifth Five Year Plan period separately; and

(b) the progress made in this direction and the total investment earmarked for the purpose ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) and (b) To the extent information is available with the Ministry of Heavy Industry, there is no proposal to set up units that can be regarded as heavy industry in the State of Mysore during the remaining period of the Fourth and the Fifth Five Year Plan.

Opening of medical and engineering Colleges in Nepal

637. SHRI GUNANAND THAKUR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Nepal have sought any assistance from India to open a Medical College and an Engineering College in that country ; and