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Summary:

Transcript of questions and answers between members of the Rajya Sabha and the Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs, Shri Bipinpal Das, on India's decision to abstain from voting on the U.N. Nuclear Weapon Treaty in the General Assembly.

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(c) The scheme was not included in the Fourth Plan but has now been tentatively included in the Draft Fifth Plan and is under consideration.

India's stand on Nuclear Weapon Treaty

487. SHRI S. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India abstained from voting on three nation sponsored resolution on Nuclear weapon Treaty in U.N. General Assembly; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) India abstained on a draft resolution co-sponsored by Bulgaria, Thailand and Zaire on "Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency".

(b) India could not support the draft resolution because of its exhortation to all countries concerned to ratify or accede to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

Launching of occupational wage survey

488. SHRI S. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments have decided to launch the third occupational wage survey on 23rd November, 1974; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement is attached.

Statement

Salient features of the Third Occupational Wage Survey

During the Third Occupational Wage Survey it is proposed to cover 81 industries belonging to the Manufacturing, Mining and Plantation sectors. These industries will account for nearly 85 per cent of the total employment in the manufacturing sector, the whole of employment in plantations and nearly 91 per cent of the total employment in the mining sector. The Survey will be carried out in a phased manner. The first phase will be launched on the 23rd November, 1974 and it will cover 14 industries comprising 9 mining, 3 plantations and 2 manufacturing industries. The main objectives of this Survey are as follows:—

(i) to obtain latest and reliable information on wage rates and pay roll earnings of the industrial workers by components;

(ii) to construct index numbers of wage rates for industries, and

(iii) to have basic information relating to Occupational Wage levels necessary for a scientific analysis of wage differentials.

The objectives of the Third Occupational Wage Survey are the same as those of the previous two such Surveys but the third is much wider in scope since it will cover 81 industries as compared to 44 industries covered during the first and second surveys.