

**Conversion of M.G. into B.G. Line
between Delhi and Rajasthan**

567. Shri K. K. Birla: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government for converting the metre gauge railway line into broad gauge railway line between Delhi and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any representations have been made for this conversion?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Poonacha): (a) and (c). No.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of Bokaro Steel Plant

568. Shri R. K. Birla:
Shri B. S. Sharma:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri S. M. Joshi:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shri P. Gopalan:
Shrimati Suseela Gopalan:
Shri Umanath:
Shri K. Ramani:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the scheme for the construction of Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) when the construction of the plant will start and the money spent so far on the scheme; and

(c) the extent to which the cost estimate has risen during the past one year?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) Consequent upon the acceptance of the Soviet detailed Project Report on Bokaro Steel Plant on March 29, 1966,

Bokaro Steel Limited have concluded contracts with Soviet Organisations for supply of equipment etc. from the USSR, for deputation of Soviet specialists to India for construction of the plant and of Indian trainees to the USSR, for supply of Working Drawings and for supply of Design Documentation for the equipment, mechanical articles and structures to be manufactured in India. In addition to placement of orders on indigenous suppliers for construction equipment, contracts have been concluded for import of shunting locomotives from Czechoslovakia and for import of cranes for construction and erection work, from East-European countries including the U.S.S.R. The entire work of design and engineering of the plant, outside Soviet scope, has been awarded to Messrs M.N. Dastur & Co. Lists of equipment and machinery to be procured indigenously have also been finalized. Even in anticipation of formal contracts on the indigenous suppliers of plant and equipment, mainly Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi, they have been given design drawings received from U.S.S.R. and requested to take up manufacture. Up to the end of April 1967, 10314 metric tonnes of equipment and pipes and other goods have been received at site from the U.S.S.R. Working Drawings, Technical Documentation and Design Assignments are also being received. 96% of site levelling of the plant area 99% of earthwork on Construction Yard and 98% of construction work of Garga dam have been completed. 9.5 K.M./9.00KM of rail track in the construction Yard have been laid/aligned. The survey work on the development of Bhavanathpur and Kuteshwar Limestone Quarries is in progress. Out of 31,254 acres of land required for the Project, 17,563 acres of land have been acquired upto April, 1967. The entire civil engineering work and fabrication and erection of structural steelworks of the plant have been assigned to Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited. Tenders for the Civil engineering work are expected