

result of thefts, inspite of the fact that the Steel Plant maintains a big security force headed by an I.P.S. to guard the gates?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): (a) It is not correct to say that loss of valuable machinery, parts and equipments, is a regular feature in Durgapur Steel Plant

(b) Five typewriters were stolen from the Rolling Mill office on the night of 29-4-1967

(c) The value of Plant property lost as a result of thefts reported during the last three years in Durgapur Steel Plant amounted to Rs 5,14,466

**Export of Leather Goods**

6392. Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
Shri Madhu Limaye:

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a big rise in export of leather goods;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) whether steps are being taken to export more leather goods?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). As compared to the 1963-64 figure of \$ 6.5 million, exports of leather goods went up to \$ 9.69 million in 1965-66. In 1966-67 there was a slight decline with exports at \$ 9.66 million.

(c) The following are the more important steps taken to promote the exports of leather goods:

(i) Import replenishment is allowed against export of leather goods to cover their import requirements;

(ii) Draw back of duties are allowed against export of leather goods; and

(iii) Finished Leather & Leather Manufactures Export Promotion Council set up at Kanpur for promotion of export of leather goods also undertakes promotional activities by way of sending delegations study teams and sales teams for on the spot study of markets, participation in exhibitions and conducting market survey and publicity abroad. These activities are subsidized from Market Development fund to a large extent.

**Movement of Water by Rail to Scarcity Areas**

6393. Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:  
Shri Onkar Singh:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a part of the relief measures, Indian Railways have taken up movement of water to certain scarcity areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. M. Foonacha): (a) Yes. The Central, Northern and Eastern Railways have been asked by the State Governments to carry water to certain stations. The Railways have mobilised sufficient tankwagons for this purpose.

(b) The details are shown in the annexure laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No LT-1143/67]

**Trade Agreement against Rupee Clearance Accounts**

6394. Shri N. K. P. Salve: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any enquiries to ascertain as to whether the goods imported from countries with whom India has rupee

clearance accounts, are not charging excessive prices for the goods supplied by them to India;

(b) how many contracts were made by the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd. with foreign buyers for the supply of manganese during the three financial years ending 31st March, 1967;

(c) in how many contracts the deliveries of Ore were not made in accordance with the original agreement;

(d) how many foreign buyers complained about the late deliveries of the Ore; and

(e) what were the causes for the inability of Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd., to effect the supplies in accordance with the terms of the agreement?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) It is not possible to check the prices charged for small value licences issued to private importers, but in respect of large value supplies to Government Departments and Public Sector Projects prices are negotiated to ensure that they are competitive.

(b) 1964-65	Nil
1965-66	2
1966-67	3

(c) One, Sir.

(d) None, Sir.

(e) In regard to the contract against which the delivery was not made according to the agreement, the foreign buyer had stipulated manganese ore of high grade. At that time, there was a shortage of high grade ore and there was some delay in MMTC securing adequate supplies. By the time supplies were available, the rupee was devalued and the prices had to be renegotiated. An agreed price was arrived at in May, 1967.

**Programme of Operation Hard Rock in Madhya Pradesh**

6395. Shri G. C. Dixit: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state whether Government propose to include part of Jabua, West Nimar, Hoshangabad, Jabalpur, Shahdal, Sidhi, Raigarh, Surguja, Chattarpur, T.kamgarh and Balaghat districts of Madhya Pradesh in the programme of Operation Hard Rock?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals (Dr. Chenna Reddy): With the exception of 1000 sq. km. in the Jashpurnagar area in Raigarh district which will be covered by the present programme of airborne survey under Operation Hardrock, no part of any other district of Madhya Pradesh will be covered under this programme.

**हासपेट क्षेत्र (मंसूर) में लौह अयस्क**

6306. श्री विश्वनाथ पाण्डेय : क्या इस्पात, ज्ञान तथा बाहु मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि .

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मंसूर राज्य में हासपेट क्षेत्र में बड़ी मात्रा में हीमोर्टाईड लौह अयस्क पाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हा, तो कितनी मात्रा में; और

(ग) इसके सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

इस्पात, ज्ञान तथा बाहु मंत्री (श्री बच्चू रेड्डी) : (क) हाँ, महोदय ।

(ख) बलारी जिले के हासपेट क्षेत्र की रमनदुर्ग शृंखला में कच्चे लोहे के 330 मिलियन टन संघर्षों का अनुमान है जिसमें 63 प्रतिशत लोहा होगा । दोनामकार्ड अयस्क