

(b) if so, when this project is likely to be taken up for execution; and

(c) the proposed capacity of this plant?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Kanungo): (a) to (c). For the manufacture of slag cement, slag will first have to be granulated. The Durgapur Steel Plant is setting up a slag granulation plant with an annual capacity of 350,000 tonnes. By adding an equal quantity of cement clinker to this, about 700,000 tonnes of slag cement can be produced at Durgapur. One scheme for the manufacture of about 243,000 tonnes of slag cement has already been licenced, and two more applications for grant of licence for the manufacture of slag cement at Durgapur are under consideration.

Export of Iron Ore

*54. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Mohammad Elias:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of International Trade be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to set up a high-power inter-ministerial board to co-ordinate various development activities to achieve the iron-ore export target of 25 to 30 million tons by 1972 and meet the internal demand has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the outline thereof?

The Minister of International Trade (Shri Manubhai Shah): (a) The matter is still under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Fire incident at Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi

*51. { Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
Shri Mohsin:
Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering be pleased to

refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 899 on the 3rd April, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the inquiry into the recent fire incident at the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi has been concluded;

(b) if so, the main finding and conclusions thereof; and

(c) whether a report of the inquiry will be laid on the Table?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) This will be considered on receipt of the inquiry report.

Pig Iron Plants

*52. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri S. B. Patil:
Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Vishram Prasad:
Shri M. Rampure:
Shri D. D. Mantri:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Japanese assistance has of late been offered for the establishment of eight pig iron plants;

(b) if so, the nature and extent of the assistance offered; and

(c) the location of each plant and their individual production in capacity?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Heavy Engineering (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.