

Shri P. C. Sethi: Fabrication of machinery is the concern of the Industries Department.

Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi

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Will the Minister of Industry and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that normal functioning to capacity by the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi is being impeded by lack of firm orders from the Steel plants; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken for better co-ordination between the demands of the Steel Plants for indigenous equipment and the Heavy Engineering Corporation's capacity to meet them?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri Bibudhendra Misra): (a) The Heavy Machine Building Plant of the Corporation is designed for an ultimate installed capacity of 65,000 tonnes of steel plant equipments out of a total capacity of 80,000 tonnes. Against an installed capacity of 3,600 tonnes in 1965-66 and 13,600 tonnes in 1966-67, firm orders and likely orders add up to 3,550 tonnes and 10,038 tonnes respectively. The Steel Plants indicate firm orders as soon as their requirements are clearly known.

(b) The Heavy Engineering Corporation are in close touch with the Steel Plant authorities and there is full coordination between the Department of Industry and the Department of Iron and Steel with a view to ensuring full workload. The Corporation is also in touch with other steel producers for procurement of orders.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: Has the hon. Minister's attention been drawn to a statement made by the Chairman of the HEC in which he states that the expansion of capacity in HEC has outstripped the rate at which they are receiving orders from the various steel plants and if this discrepancy continues it might create some difficulties

in the working and expansion of this plant?

The Minister of Heavy Engineering and Industry in the Ministry of Industry and Supply (Shri T. N. Singh): It is true that we need many more orders. I must assure the House that we are getting full co-operation from the Steel Ministry in regard to orders placed in advance. What is needed is we should have a large programme spread over a number of years in advance. It is to that that a reference was made. We must get advance orders for two or three years.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: Can the Minister tell us out of these orders which have already been received and mentioned in the original answer, what proportion has come from the Hindustan Steel Ltd. and what proportion from the private sector steel plants?

Shri Bibudhendra Misra: It is mostly from the steel plants in the public sector.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी यह बता सकते हैं कि इस समय हमें कितने संयंत्रों की जरूरत है और कितने हमें बाहर से मंगाने पड़ते हैं और हरिद्वार के हेवी इलेक्ट्रिकल्स ने किस हद तक इस काम को पूरा किया है ?

श्री त्रि० ना० सिंह : हरिद्वार के हेवी इलेक्ट्रिकल्स से हम स्टील प्लांट्स के सिर्फ इलेक्ट्रिकल पार्ट्स को ले सकते हैं। और चीजें तो हमें रांची में बनानी पड़ती हैं।

Shri Ranga: In the very nature of this manufacture they have to assure themselves of orders over a long period and from what the hon. Minister has himself stated just now it is clear that there is not that proper and needed co-ordination. Why is it that my hon. friend fights shy of making a confession here that he is not getting sufficient co-operation from the consumers though most of them happen to be in the public sector?

Shri T. N. Singh: I am saying this with all possible information that I

have got. We are getting the maximum co-operation possible from the Steel Ministry in this regard who are the main consumers for our products. What happens in this. There are certain difficulties. Specifications have to be prepared. They take time. Unless specifications are prepared we cannot execute orders. So, the Steel Ministry is engaged in it; it is a difficult task and they are doing it very sincerely on an urgent basis.

Shri Sham Lal Saraf: In view of the reply given by the hon. Minister, what attempts have been made to co-ordinate the consuming plants and the manufacturing plants, along with the supplies to be received from the Steel Ministry?

Shri T. N. Singh: In this regard I may say this. There is the purchaser; we approach our clients just as anyone should approach. We are using that technique in getting orders to the best of our capacity. We are approaching them constantly and look at everything that we can offer for production. This approach is producing results.

श्री बड़ें : क्या यह सच है कि हैबी इंजीनियरिंग कॉर्पोरेशन को स्टील प्लांट्स से जो ऑर्डर मिले हुए हैं, उन को पूरा करने में बहुत देर हो गई है, इसलिए बाकी के स्टील प्लांट्स उस को ऑर्डर नहीं देते हैं? कारण यह बताया जाता है कि वहां पर लेबर ट्रबल है। क्या यह बात सच है? मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि कितने ऐसे ऑर्डर हैं, जो पूरे नहीं किये गए हैं या टाइम पर पूरे नहीं किये गए हैं?

श्री श्री० ना० सिंह : मैं प्रश्न को समझा नहीं।

श्री बड़ें : शिकायत यह है कि स्टील प्लांट्स इस कॉर्पोरेशन को जो ऑर्डर देते हैं, उन को पूरा नहीं किया गया है और सम्प्राप्त समय पर पूरी नहीं की गई है, इस लिए बाकी के स्टील प्लांट्स ऑर्डर नहीं देते हैं

प्रौर कोषापरेक्षण नहीं करते हैं। क्या यह बात सच है।

श्री श्री० ना० सिंह : ऐसी बात तो नहीं है।

Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh: Is this lack of order from the steel plants possibly due to the fact that almost all the existing steel plants are either with foreign collaboration or foreign aid and there is an increasing reliance on the imported machinery rather than the indigenous?

Shri T. N. Singh: There is some difficulty in regard to adaptation of certain plants which are in collaboration with parties other than Russians. We are making efforts. It has been possible to get adaptations done in the case of orders from Durgapur. It is British collaboration. Similarly in regard to Rourkela unit also, and also with regard to Tatas.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: While appreciating the fullest co-operation existing in this matter, may I know the extent of the demand of the proposed Bokaro Steel Plant to be met by the Heavy Engineering Corporation at Ranchi?

Shri Bibudhendra Misra: About the Bokaro Steel Plant, perhaps the Minister of Steel and Mines will correct me if I am wrong; the report is not ready and the question will come up after the report is ready.

Shri K. C. Pant: Is there sufficient flexibility in the design of the Heavy Engineering Corporation unit that if orders are not placed by the steel plants, its capacity can be switched over to the production of machinery for other plants?

Shri T. N. Singh: I cannot claim that we have got sufficient design capacity at that place, but a very big capacity has been developed for this purpose at Ranchi and they are making efforts to meet the demands on them.