

**Rourkela Steel Plant**

**\*329. Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of **Steel and Heavy Industries** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any attempt has been made to compute the loss to the national exchequer and to the Hindustan Steel Ltd., because of the frequent break-downs and delays in commissioning various parts of the Rourkela Steel Plant;

(b) if so, what loss is estimated to be in rupee as well as in foreign exchange till now;

(c) whether any action has been taken to fix responsibility for such loss; and

(d) if so, particulars thereof?

**The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam):**

(a) to (d). It is not possible to compute the loss in production on account of the break-downs and delays in quantitative terms. Appropriate action is taken in all cases, depending on the nature of the delay or break-down.

**Revision of Coal Target**

**\*330. Shri Yallamanda Reddy:** Will the Minister of **Mines and Fuel** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for upward revision of the Third Five Year Plan coal target from 97 million tons to 104 million tons;

(b) whether it is a fact that the private sector will now be allocated a larger share of the proposed increase in coal production; and

(c) if so, the reasons for allocating larger share to private sector?

**The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) to (c). The target of coal production during the Third Plan still stands at 97 million tons. What has transpired is that the private sector of the industry, which was assigned a target of 17 million tons of additional production, has, in

the applications it submitted for utilisation of the World Bank loan, made additional offers of about 7 million tons. Tentatively, these offers have been accepted for the purpose of allocation of the World Bank loan. Whether the target itself would need revision is still under the consideration of Government. In the meantime, rail transport is being planned to take care of the additional offers of coal production from the Industry.

**Kanpur-2 Aircraft**

**\*331.** { **Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:**  
**Shri Raghunath Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

(a) the total cost of Kanpur-2 aeroplane built at Kanpur;

(b) the details of future plans in the project; and

(c) whether it is a fact that it climbed over 21,000 feet during the last flight?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramiah):**

(a) The aircraft is still in the development stage. As such the details of cost are not yet available.

(b) The future plans would be decided after the aircraft has been evaluated and the type-certification awarded.

(c) Yes, Sir.

**Gorakhpur Aerodrome**

**\*332.** { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri Raghunath Singh:**  
**Shri Bishwanath Roy:**  
**Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**  
**Shri R. S. Tiwary:**

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to develop the Gorakhpur aerodrome into an air base;