

### **Ferro-Manganese Industry**

\*225. { Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed by Government to study the various problems of the ferro-manganese industry in India has submitted its report;

(b) what were the special references made to the Committee; and

(c) if it has not submitted its report when it is expected?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) The main terms of reference to the Committee are:

(i) study of ways and means of ensuring regular supply of raw materials of requisite quality;

(ii) consider the question of railway freight for movement of raw materials and finished products;

(iii) study the economics of production with special reference to cost of transport of ore, power costs, manufacturing process, use of bye-products, etc.; and

(iv) study problems relating to export and marketing abroad of the ferro-manganese.

(c) By July 1982.

### **AVRO-748**

\*226. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state what further progress has been made with regard to the manufacture of AVRO-748 in Kanpur?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Raghuramiah):** The first Kanpur built AVRO-748 has been flown and is undergoing flight

and evaluation tests. Work on the manufacture of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th aircraft is in progress.

### **Rourkela Steel Plant**

\*227. **Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:** Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that some Indian firms have offered to participate in the second stage construction programme of the Rourkela Steel Plant;

(b) if so, how many firms have so offered their participation; and

(c) what is Government's decision thereon?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Nine.

(c) The offers are at present under consideration of Hindustan Steel Limited.

### **Kiriburu Iron Ore Project**

\*228. **Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the up-to-date progress made by the Kiriburu Iron-ore Project;

(b) whether the railway lines and port facilities have also been developed; and

(c) the total amount spent on such developments out of Japanese credit of 8 million dollars and the American credit of 20 million dollars?

**The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya):** (a) The work in the Kiriburu Iron Ore Project has made satisfactory progress and the project is expected to go into production as scheduled by the beginning of 1984, when ore export to Japan from this mine is to commence.

(b) Of the new railway links, the line between Sambalpur and Titlagarh is expected to be ready for goods