

traffic by December, 1962 and the line from Bimlagarh to the loading point at Kiriburu by March, 1963. Work on improvement of facilities at Vishakhapatnam is expected to be completed by the target date when ore export from this mine is to begin.

(c) The Japanese credit in Yen of the equivalent of 8 million U.S. dollars is for the purchase in Japan of machinery and equipment for only the mining project. Orders of a total value of Rs. 1.85 crores have been placed so far on various suppliers in Japan against the credit.

The U.S. credit was for the foreign exchange cost of the railway and port facilities. The Railways have already entered into commitments worth \$13 million; draws in respect of the port work will also commence soon as contracts have already been concluded for the additional berths and are about to be concluded for the ore loading plant.

Bokaro Steel Plant

*229. { Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Kunhan:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Morarka:
Shri P. R. Chakraverty:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:

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

(a) what is the stage now reached in the negotiations over the Bokaro Steel Project with U.S. participation;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed to the U.S. Company participating also in management, and if so, to what extent;

(c) when is the first blast furnace expected to go into production; and

(d) what is the amount of finished steel estimated for production by the plant during the Third Five Year Plan period?

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

(a) and (b). Consultations are still going on with the U.S. Agency for International Development on the question of U.S. finance for Bokaro, but no finality has been reached. I hope to be able to make a further statement on the subject at a not very distant date.

(c) The date when the first blast furnace is expected to go into production depends on how soon the aid negotiations are finalised.

(d) In the document relating to the Third Five Year Plan a credit of 0.3 million tons of steel from Bokaro has been taken during the Plan period.

Steel Plants

*230. { Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
Shri Basappa:

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

(a) what stage of development and production of the steel plants at Bhilai, Rourkela and Durgapur has been reached;

(b) the quantum of production per day in each of the plants at present; and

(c) the target for each of them during the current year?

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

(a) In Bhilai all the units have been commissioned. In Rourkela all units except the third coke oven battery and three lines of the tinning plant have been commissioned. As regards Durgapur, all units except the blast furnace No. 3 have been commissioned.

(b) the average production in the three projects per day during March 1962 was as follows:

	Rourkela	Bhilai	Durgapur
	(in tons)		
Pig Iron	1600	3,017	2,125
Steel	1,439	2,538	1,690

(c) The target fixed for the production of pig iron and steel ingots for the year 1962-63 is as follows:

	Rourkela	Bhilai	Durgapur
Pig Iron	1080,000	1030,000	875,000
Steel	850,000	800,000	750,000

The rated capacity of each plant is 1 million ingot tons of steel.

Manufacture of Tanks

*231. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made regarding manufacture of Tanks in the Ordnance Factories; and

(b) whether a separate factory has been set up?

The Minister of Defence (**Shri Krishna Menon**): (a) Government has entered into an agreement with M/s. Vickers-Armstrongs (Engineers) Ltd. of the United Kingdom for their technical collaboration in the manufacture of tanks. Detailed planning of the factory buildings has been completed in consultation with the collaborators. Construction work on the main Factory building is expected to start very shortly. Procurement action for necessary plant and equipment is well in hand.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Violation of Foreign Exchange cases

*232. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been in recent months a sizeable increase in cases of violation of foreign exchange regulations;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank at Calcutta has been hoodwinked by foreign exchange manipulators who have succeeded in placing lakhs of rupees worth of foreign exchange in the blackmarket; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (**Shri B. E. Bhagat**): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Yarakala and Eradi Communities

183. **Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1316 on the 5th December, 1961 and state:

(a) the nature of decision taken in regard to classification of Yarakala and Eradi communities of Telangana area in Andhra Pradesh at par with such tribes in the State; and

(b) the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (**Shri Datar**): (a) No decision has yet been taken in the matter.

(b) Does not arise.

Drilling in Jawalamukhi

184. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 976 on the 14th August, 1961 and state:

(a) whether drilling operation work at Jawalamukhi has been re-started; and

(b) if so, since which date?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (**Shri K. D. Malaviya**): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Oil Exploration in Cambay and Kalol

185. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Morarka:

Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position with regard to the progress of the exploration work in the Cambay and Kalol Oil fields; and

(b) the details thereof?