

**Rest House at Rourkela**

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Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:  
Shri Anrobindo Ghosal:  
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:  
Shri J. B. S. Bist:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a luxury rest house at a heavy cost has been built at Rourkela for the use of the Directors of the Hindustan Steel (Private) Ltd, during their periodical meetings at the plant site,

(b) if so, the reasons for the same, and

(c) the total amount spent on it?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha): (a) to (c) A Bungalow at a cost of about Rs 7.15 lacs has been constructed at Rourkela. It is intended to be used by visitors, guests and the Directors of the Hindustan Steel Private Limited when they visit Rourkela. In the absence of any suitable guest house, the construction of the building was necessary.

Shri Osman Ali Khan. May I know whether the Government has taken any measures to prevent such lavish expenditure in future and, if so, what are the measures?

Mr. Speaker They do not agree with that view. Hon Members are making suggestions or observations that it is lavish expenditure.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla. May I know whether it is a fact that this building was originally sanctioned to be constructed at a cost of Rs 6.42 lakhs but the estimate was later on raised by about Rs 2 lakhs to provide for more superior sanitary and electric fittings and, later on, it was completed at a cost of Rs 7.15 lakhs? May I know whether it is a fact that though savings were made in the construction

cost, because of the superior sanitary and electric fittings the cost went up? If so, I want to know the precise reason why it was necessary to have these superior sanitary and electric fittings and not the ordinary ones which we generally have in the other rest houses.

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): It is true that the estimate was revised. But some of those items were later on cut down and that is how a saving was made of about Rs 13 lakhs roughly. Because, it was considered that we should not install any costly fittings there.

Shri Jaipal Singh: Is the hon Minister in a position to inform this House whether in contradistinction to rest houses, say, in China or Russia in the steel plant areas, this rest house is austere or extravagant?

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha. As far as our knowledge goes, practically most of the big industrial centres have got better arrangements than what we have here.

Mr. Speaker Hon Members who have gone there would certainly be impressed by the beautiful buildings they have there.

**Pig Iron**

\*1051 Shri Osman Ali Khan: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state the likely production of pig iron in the country during 1959-60 and the internal demand for the same period?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha): The production of pig iron during 1959-60 is estimated to be about 970,000 tons and the internal demand for the same period about 700,000 tons.

Shri Osman Ali Khan: May I know whether the Government propose to export the surplus and, if so, what arrangements are being made in that direction?