

(b) and (c). No steel, whether in the form of semis or finished steel, which is required for internal use will be exported. It is only what is surplus to requirements that will be allowed for export.

Supply of Low Grade Coal to Steel Plants

***805. Shrimati Sucheta Kripalani:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently there has been a large supply of low grade coal with higher ash content to the steel plants;

(b) whether it is also a fact that from the middle of this year all steel plants will have to accept large quantities of poor varieties of coal;

(c) if so, what are the reasons;

(d) what remedial measures do Government propose to take; and

(e) whether Government have chalked out any programme for utilising the rejects and middlings from the coal washeries?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Sawaran Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Until the new washeries are ready, the Steel Plants will have to use selected unwashed coal.

(d) Efforts are being made to increase the production of the higher grades of coals.

(e) Yes. Washeries generally make arrangements with thermal power stations for utilisation of middlings. The possibility of rejects being used for brick making and for stowing purposes is being explored.

Rourkela Steel Plan

***806.** { Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:
Shri Sanganna:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 30,000 workers are being retrenched from Rourkela Steel Plant from the 1st March, 1960; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to absorb them elsewhere?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Sawaran Singh): (a) and (b). Between now and March 1961, by which time construction at Rourkela will be largely over, about 30,000 workers engaged on construction work will be rendered surplus. A portion of them may be absorbed in the expansion programme of the steel plant as well as in Auxiliary Industries expected to develop in this area.

Archaeological Relics on the Narmada Waterfront

***807.** { Shri Arjun Singh Bhadauria:
Shri P. G. Deb:
Shri S. A. Mehdi:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many historical and ancient stone-carvings and relics of Indus Valley Civilisation are lying in the open on the Narmada water-front; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.