

(b) He represented the policy of the University Grants Commission with which the Government is also in general agreement.

(c) The Government have at the moment no proposal to revise the recruitment qualifications issued only in December, 1959.

Purchase of Iron Ore for Bhilai Steel Plant

***648. Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to disruption in the Railway Traffic between Dalli-Rajhara and Bhilai, iron ore had to be purchased from sources other than Bhilai Steel Plant's own mine; and

(b) if so, how much loss was suffered by the Bhilai Steel Plant because of this purchase in market?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) No, Sir. Not in the current year.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of Gas

***649. Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) how far the commercial potentialities of Cambay, Ankleshwar and Jawalamukhi in regard to production of gas have been assessed and estimated; and

(b) what will be the production capacity of Jawalamukhi and its zone of supply?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) In Cambay and Ankleshwar, gas is associated with oil. No separate commercial potentialities of gas have been assessed and estimated.

In Jawalamukhi, gas, under moderate pressure, was met with in two

horizons in well No. 1, but the commercial potentialities cannot yet be assessed or estimated.

(b) In Jawalamukhi well No. 1, two horizons (i.e. 919—923 and 879—890 metres) indicated a possible production of about 600,000 cubic feet per day.

Drilling in Jawalamukhi well No. 2 is still in progress. Nothing important has yet been observed.

It is too early make any assessment of production capacity of Jawalamukhi or its zone of supply.

Export of Steel Ingots to Germany

***650. Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Steel limited has entered into an agreement with the German firm Mannesmann for export of steel ingots from Rourkela to Germany for rolling into pipes;

(b) how many tons of ingots have been exported so far; and

(c) how many tons of rolled pipes have been re-exported from Germany to India?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Hindustan Steel Limited have placed an order on Messrs. Mannesmann for 10,520 tons of pipes. The German firm have purchased a quantity of 12,000 tons of steel slabs from the Hindustan Steel Limited. Steel ingots are not being sold to Messrs. Mannesmann.

(b) and (c). The entire quantity of slabs contracted for has already been exported. Supply of pipes has also been completed.

Farmer's Car

***651. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to manufacture Japanese 'Farmer's Car' in ordnance factories;