

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Durgapur Steel Plant

*825 { **Shri Nek Ram Negi:**
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Sarju Pandey:

Will the Minister of **Steel, Mines and Fuel** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 746 on the 10th March, 1961 and state:

(a) whether a final decision has been taken on the findings of the Committee appointed to investigate into the matter of defective pile foundations put up at Durgapur Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, nature of the decision taken?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). The Committee of Management of Hindustan Steel Limited have accepted all the recommendations of the investigation committee on defective pile foundations at the Durgapur Steel Plant and have noted the action taken so far.

The Consultants have advised Hindustan Steel that all piling work including the remedial measures that have been taken at Durgapur are proving satisfactory. In a number of cases pile foundations have already been subjected to full working load like blast furnace No. 1 with stoves, slag bridges, etc., and no trouble dependent on foundations has been experienced so far. Readings on check levels are being taken periodically as recommended by the investigation committee. From the examination of the data on performance of the foundations so far it is safe to assume that the foundations are functioning satisfactorily. In the meantime, the agreement to be executed with ISCON for extending the guarantee period stipulated in the contract by ten years in respect of portions of works founded on bored piles is being finalised.

Bhilai Steel Plant

*826. **Shri Nath Pai:** Will the Minister of **Steel, Mines and Fuel** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of unskilled workers have been victims of inadequate supply of safety protections and safety consciousness in the constructional work at Bhilai; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to put a stop to these accidents and create safety consciousness among the workers at Bhilai?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). On analysing the causes of accidents at Bhilai, it has been found that the accidents were not due to inadequate supply of safety protections but due to lack of precaution taken by the workers.

The Safety Engineering Department, the Electrical Inspector and the Crane Engineer have been carrying out inspections of all construction and other works in the project. Safety appliances have been supplied to workers. The safety organisation functions as an independent entity and points out defective works and unsafe practices, if any, and suggests improvements in the safety standards of the project. Arrangements for display of posters, screening of safety films, relay of short talks on safety are being made to promote safety consciousness amongst the workers.

सिलचर में दंगे

*८२७. { **श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :**
श्री कुशावन्त राय :
श्री आसफ :
श्री अरविन्द घोषाल :
श्री न० मे० देव :

क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मई में सिलचर (असम) की चटना के बाद दंगों को दबाने के लिये सेना