

(c) what action is proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

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

(a) Railway engines have pneumatic brakes. The railway wagons have, however, vacuum brakes. The locomotives cannot, therefore, operate the brakes in the wagons.

(b) It cannot be said that it is absolutely safe to use these locomotives at normal speeds outside the perimeter of the plant.

(c) A permanent speed limit of five miles per hour is imposed on all railway movement between the Exchange Yard and the plant. Locomotives equipped with vacuum brakes are also being purchased by Hindustan Steel Limited.

Transport System in Rourkela

214. { Shri K. C. Pant:
Shri Morarka:

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

(a) whether it is proposed to have some German railwaymen to organise the transport system in Rourkela;

(b) if so, the number thereof; and

(c) the terms on which they are being appointed?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 9 Technicians.

(c) One of them has been appointed for a period of 18 months and the others for a period of 12 months from the dates of their appointment. The monthly remuneration of the technicians is as follows:

	Rs.
Engineer . . .	5,300
Foreman . . .	4,000
Assistant Foreman	3,470

Appellate Assistant Commissioners

215. { Shri K. C. Pant:
Shri Morarka:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Appellate Assistant Commissioners in India;

(b) how many of the above posts are vacant; and

(c) the reasons for keeping these posts vacant?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) 104.

(b) 5.

(c) Three out of the five charges were created recently. All the officers in the existing 'panel' of names have been promoted and these posts will be filled as soon as the new panel for promotion of Income-tax Officers as Assistant Commissioners is drawn up by the Departmental Promotion Committee.

Rourkela

216. { Shri Morarka:
Shri R. S. Pandey:

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

(a) whether the repairs needed for blast furnace No. 1 in Rourkela have been carried out;

(b) if so, the total expenditure incurred on these repairs; and

(c) the total loss in production during the period of its closure?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 3,33,000.

(c) The total loss in production, attributable to the shutdown of the first Blast Furnace, could not be calculated as the Third Blast Furnace