

Rs. 600 p.m. have been reserved for persons belonging to Andhra Pradesh only and whether any order to this effect was issued recently; and

(c) if so, the circumstances under which this has been done and whether this is in keeping with the recruitment policy in Public Undertakings?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) 73 per cent in the Heavy Power Equipment Plant and 74.8 per cent in the Switchgear unit.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.

2846. Shri Shiv Kumar Shastri:
Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta:
Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri:
Shri Ramavatar Shastri:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:

Will the Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of retired Officers employed in the Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. and the reasons for employing them; and

(b) whether the Hyderabad Unit of the Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., has framed rules for promotion and recruitment?

The Minister of Industrial Development and Company Affairs (Shri F. A. Ahmed): (a) 17 retired officers are employed in Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. primarily in view of their qualifications (in most cases technical), knowledge, long experience and specialisation.

(b) The Hyderabad Unit has no separate rules for promotion and recruitment, but is governed by the rules of the Company.

Rourkela Fertiliser Plant

2847. Shri D. Amat: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Metals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fertiliser plant of Rourkela is running at a loss;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to boost up production at the plant?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Metals (Shri P. C. Sethi): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. It has not been possible to operate the Rourkela Fertiliser Plant to more than 30 per cent of its rated capacity for want of sufficient quantity and proper quality of Coke Oven Gas from the Coke Oven Batteries of the Rourkela Steel Plant. It has now been decided to set up a Naphtha Steam Reforming Unit as an adjunct of the Fertiliser Plant to augment and improve the supply and quality of the coke oven gas received from the steel plant. The Naphtha Unit is expected to be ready for commissioning in the third quarter of 1968. This will ensure not merely the full utilisation of the capacity of the fertiliser plant but will also reduce the cost of production of fertiliser.

Training Programme in International Trade for Commercial Attache

2848. Shri E. Barua: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up any training programme in International trade for commercial attaches; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof and its impact in our export trade?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade has developed a special Training Programme on 'Foreign Trade' for a section of officers of Indian Foreign Ser-