

(c) if so, the reasons for accepting the non-workable rates?

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) The required information is furnished in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4726/73].

(b) Yes.

(c) Does not arise.

Auctioneering Contracts

6119. **SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHANDA:** Will the Minister of SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the minimum rates of commission quoted by the prospective auctioneers are main criterion for granting auctioneering contracts by the DGS&D;

(b) if not, the other essential conditions which are taken into consideration while granting an auctioneering contract; and

(c) whether all the conditions prescribed by Government were strictly followed while awarding the last auctioneering contract; if not, the reasons for the departure from the established contract practices?

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) No.

(b) The essential conditions which are taken into consideration while granting an auctioneering contract are:—

- (i) Adequate proof in support of previous experience as Auctioneer;
- (ii) Sound financial position to handle the Government money;
- (iii) Valid Income-tax clearance certificate;
- (iv) Police report for a satisfactory conduct; and

(v) Competitive and workable rate of commission.

(c) Yes.

Manufacture of Steel Tubes

6120. **DR. GOBIND DAS RICHHA-RIYA:** Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of factories engaged in the manufacture of steel tubes;

(b) the total quantum of steel tubes manufactured in the country during last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether some applicants who were given registration numbers for manufacture of steel tubes are pending with Government for a long time and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the names of the applicants whose cases are pending since 1969?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) 16 units are at present manufacturing steel tubes in the organised sector of the industry.

(b) The production of steel tubes during last three years in the organised sector was as below:—

1970	2,15,578 tonnes
1971	2,34,133 tonnes
1972	3,27,219 tonnes

(c) and (d). No application for registration for the manufacture of steel tubes is now pending with the Government.

गणतंत्र दिवस पर भवनों पर रोशनी करना.

6121. श्री हुकम चन्द कश्यप :
क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या 1973 के गणतंत्र दिवस पर विभिन्न सरकारी और गैर-सरकारी भवनों पर रोशनी नहीं की गई थी; और