

allocation. Despatches of steel from the main producers are regulated by the Steel Priority Committee taking into account the end-use for which steel is required, the availability and competing demands.

(b) Does not arise.

Meeting of D.C.A. and A.A.I. held in New Delhi

7560. SHRI P. GANGADEB:
SHRI P. M. MEHTA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Development Council for Automobiles and Allied Ancillary Industry was held in New Delhi on the 16th March, 1973; and

(b) if so, the subjects discussed in the meeting and the outcome of the discussions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Council expressed concern on the acute power cut in various states of the country and particularly recommended that industries like automobile foundry should be given higher quantum of power on a continuous basis.

This subject was taken up by the Ministry of Heavy Industry with the Government of Tamil Nadu who have since offered to increase the power supplies to M/s. Ennore Foundries from 25 per cent to 75 per cent of their average consumption in April, 1973.

The Council also recommended for consideration of the Government for import of diesel generator sets over 250 k.w. The subject of imported generator sets had been under consideration of the Government and recently a notification has been issued permitting diesel generator sets over 300 KVA upto 1500 KVA.

The Development Council welcomed the suggestion for setting up of small

scale industries in the form of Industrial Estates and the industries represented by the Council were asked to encourage such development.

In respect of steel for Automobile Industry, the Council desired that small quantities of steel categories could be considered for direct imports while keeping the bulk of the steel requirements under canalisation. The subject has been taken up by the Ministry of Heavy Industry with the Associations of Automobile and Ancillary Manufacturers to study the nature and the extent of the problem and possible solutions.

The Council also recommended that the Automotive Research Association should set up facilities for research and test centres.

Central Engineering and Designs Bureau as Consultant in Bharat Aluminium Company

7561. SHRI P. GANGADEB:
SHRI P. M. MEHTA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Engineering and Designs Bureau has got its first assignment outside the steel industry;

(b) whether the public sector Bharat Aluminium Company has appointed CEDB as its prime Indian consultant for its plant at Korba;

(c) whether any agreement has been signed between CEDB and BALCO; and

(d) if so, the terms of the agreement?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA):

(a) The Central Engineering and Designs Bureau in the past have undertaken jobs outside steel industry but their appointment as Prime Indian Consultant for the detailed Engineering of the Korba Aluminium Project is the first major assignment in the Aluminium industry.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.