

dated the 28th March, 1975, under the caption 'DSP doesn't get enough raw material';

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government to the observations made therein and the action taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). For supply of raw materials to Durgapur Steel Plant, there are established sources where capacity exists to meet the requirements. Owing to the all India Railway strike during the early part of 1974-75 and its aftermath, there were certain shortfalls in the supply of raw materials. This problem has been tackled by continuous contact with the Railways and the Suppliers. There were also certain problems in the Material Handling Section at Durgapur due to which stocks could not be built up. Notwithstanding these problems, the production of saleable steel in the Durgapur Steel Plant during 1974-75 at 520,000 tonnes was significantly more than the production of 377,000 tonnes in the preceding year.

Pak response to Indian move for normalisation of relations

9131. **SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI:**
SHRI RAGHUNANDANLAL BHATIA:
SHRI S. M. BANERJEE:
SHRI D. D. DESAI:
SHRI P. R. SHENOY:

Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have recently asked the Pakistan Prime Minister not to impede the Simla process and continue to have talks for normalisation of relations in the sub-continent;

(b) if so whether there has been any response thereto; and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) In a letter dated 20th March, 1975, addressed to Mr. Bhutto, our Prime Minister has pointed out that Pakistan's sustained propoganda campaign against India can only vitiate the prospects of early normalisation of relations between India and Pakistan. The letter also states that the Simla process should not be impeded much less suffer a set-back.

(b) and (c). In his letter dated the 25th April, 1975 Mr. Bhutto has stated that Pakistan remains committed to the Simla process. The Government of Pakistan has since accepted the invitation of the Government of India and the Pakistan Foreign Secretary is expected here in the middle of May for talks on Civil Aviation matters.

साहजहापुर आयुध कारखाने में लाखों रुपये का गबन

9132. श्री हुकम चन्द कडुवाव : क्या रक्षा मंत्री साहजहापुर आयुध कारखाने में लाखों रुपये के गबन के बारे में 20 फरवरी, 1975 प्रसारित प्रश्न संख्या 597 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) साहजहापुर आयुध कारखाने में सरकार की भोटेला, गबन, भ्रष्टाचार की शिकायतें अफसरों के विरुद्ध कब और किसके द्वारा मिली थीं और शिकायतों में किन-किन प्रकार के आरोप लगाये गये हैं ;

(ख) मामले में जांच किस एजेंसी और व्यक्तियों के माध्यम से की जा रही है और जांच का आदेश कब दिया गया था और जांच पूरी करने में कितना समय लगेगा ; और