Steel Plants in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh

1636. SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to set up two steel plants one each in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh
 - (b) if sc, the facts thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD). (a) and (b). The Steel Authority of India Ltd. had commissioned MECON to prepare separate feasibility reports for setting up integrated steel plants in the Bailadila region in Madhya Pradesh and in the Surajgarh region in Maharashtra. These reports were received in the Steel Authority of India Ltd. in April-May, 1975 and are under examination.

Examination for Recruitment of Dectors

1637. SHRI R S. PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FA-MILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to hold examination for the recruitment of doctors; and
 - (b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A K M. ISHAQUE · (a) Yes

(b) The details are being worked cut.

Development of Ancillary Industries by Shiini Steel Plant

1638. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY; DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:

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

- (a) whether Bhilai Steel Plant Management has developed their ancillary industries; and
- (b) if so, the reasons why six units already established have not been recognised?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) and (b) It is presumed the Hon'ble Member is referring to the Small Scale Industries set up around Bhilai Steel Plant. The Hindustan Steel Ltd., encourage the growth of small scale industries by giving them all possible assistance. Large number of items have been identified which can be manufactured by the small scale industries and due orders are placed on them for supply to the steel plant. The question of recognising these units as ancillaries has been considered by HSL Board and it was decided that as the items manufactured by these units do not form a part of the production process of the steel plant, they could not be considered as 'Ancillary Units'. The policy of the company however is to continue to encourage the growth of the small scale units by giving them assistance in terms of know-how, facilities, supply of raw materials etc.

Provision of Micro-Wave or Coaxial Channels Between Calcutta and Elaragpur-Midnapore and Calcutta and Asanyot

1639. SHRI SUBODH HANSDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Televison Directorate has already provided microwave or

oraxial channels between Calcutta and Kharagpur-Midnapore and Calcutta and Asansol for introduction of television relay transmission; and

(b) if so, when Doordarshan will be given this facility?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICA-TIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA): (a) No, Sir. At present there is no demand from Doordarshan for TV transmission facility between Calcutta and Kharagpur (or Midnapore) and Calcutta and Asansol

(b) Does not arise.

यसनों में गैर-सरकारी जहाजी कृती

1640. श्री मोहन स्वरूप : न्या नौबहन स्तर परिसहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

- (क) क्या पत्तनों में गैर-सरकारी बहांकी कुलियों की व्यवस्था समाप्त करने की बोबना को क्रियांन्वत किया जा रहा है, बीर
- (ख) यदि हो, तो उक्त व्यवस्था के स्थान पर जहाजी-कुलियों की नयी व्यवस्था की मुख्य वार्ते क्या है?

नौत्रप्तं सीरं परिषद्दन वंशालय वें राज्य संती (श्री एवं प्रमण चिवेती): (फं) शीर (स) वड़े परानों में खावी जहाजी कुकी व्यवस्था के बारे में सरकार ने सन्ती कोई संतिम निर्णय नहीं किया है।

Welfare Pund for Salt Workers

1641. SHRIMATI ROZA DESH-PANDE: Will the Munister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of the unstable nature of the salt workers in areas like the Rann of Kutch, the Central Government have decided to set up a welfare fund for the benefit of salt workers; and

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BAL-GOVIND VERMA): (a) No. Not yet.

(b) Does not arise.

Purchase of Buses by D.T.C.

1642. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether D.T.C. proposes to purchase more buses to meet the demand in Delhi; and
- (b) if so, the number of buses to be added during the current financial year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). There is a provision in the current year's budget for purchase of 150 buses by Delhi Transport Corporation on replacement account. The Corporation has, however, deferred the pruchase of these buses for the present. It proposes to consolidate the operations with its existing fleet.

Rate of Royalty on Iron Ore

1643. SHRI NATHU RAM AHIR. WAR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the present rate of royalty on iron ore and the amount being given to Madhya Pradesh:
- (b) the rate per tonne at which pig iron and steel are sold by the Steel Plants and the profit per tonne earned by them on these;
- (c) whether the prices of pig iron and steel have doubled during the last few years; and
- (d) whether any increase in the rate of royalty on iron ore is contem-