Tender for Carbon and Graphite by Bhilai Steel Plant

6324. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased te state:

- (a) whether the Bhilai Steel Plant Issued Issued a tender enquiry in February 1991 for the supply of carbon and graphite refractories for its blast furnace;
- (b) if so, the details of offers received including prices quoted by the bidders;
 - (c) the details of the bidder whose ten-

der was accepted;

- (d) the criteria for placement of orders before issuance of tender enquiry was followed in this case; and
- (e) if not, the reasons for accepting the tender of one individual company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Details of the offers received against enquiry are as follows:

(6)	M/s. Elbar Skokzow, Poland	-	Price Bid not opened.
(5)	M/s. Savol Refractorise, France	-	Price Bid not opened.
(4)	M/s. Didier Werde, Germany	-	Price Bid not opened.
(3)	M/s. Sigri, Germany	-	Price Bid opened.
(2)	M/s. Okura & Company, Japan	-	Price Bid not opened.
(1)	M/s. Nisso Iwai Corporation, Japan	-	Price Bld opened.

Details of price of M/s. Nisso Iwai Corporation, Japan and M/s. Sigri, Germany, are as below:

	Nisso Iwai Proposal Rs. (in Crores)	Sigri Proposal	
		3 Al Rs. (in Crores)	4 Ai Rs. (in Crores)
important	4.56	3.89	4.13
indigenous	0.98	1.74	1.20
Total:	5.54	5.63	5.44

 The quotation of M/s. Nisso Iwai was accepted as it was technically superior compared to that of M/s. Sigri and thus more economical. The offers of other parties were rejected because they were not technically suitable.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. The tenders were

required to submit their quotation for design manufacture and supply of suitable refractories based on the furnace shell profile, its operating parameters, hearth cooling system and production data, etc. Offers were evaluated on the basis of the above parameters.

Time Give to Political Parties on Air and Doordarshan

6325. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of time given to the Prime Minister, information and Broadcasting Minister and the Leaders of nationally recognised political parties on the AIR and Doordarshan during 1991 in the national programme;
- (b) the details of the time given to official and non-official functions/events, separately organised in New Delhi in the national programme of AIR and Doordarshan during 1991; and
- (c) the details of the political events organised at the national level by the nationally recognised political parties in New Delhi and other places covered by the AIR and Doordarshan during 1991?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS):
(a) to (c). This Information is not mentalned centrally in a compiled form.

The official/non-official functions and the events organised by political parties are covered in the news bulletins of All India Radio and Doordarshan, strictly on the basis of their newsworthiness.

Expenditure incurred by Doordarshan

6326. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: DR. A. K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Doordarshan has incurred expenditure of about Rs. 55 crores during 1985-90 for programme produced by the outside producers;
- (b) if so, the number of proposals received, contracts entered and the programme completed during these years;
- (c) the names of producers to whom was advanced along with the money advanced and by when the programmes were to be completed and also the cases where programmes are yet to be completed by them;
- (d) the action taken or to taken in such cases; and
- (e) the details of the policy in the regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRUA VYAS):

(a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Gas Turbine-2 (Bombay)

- 6327. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVEN-TIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Gas Turbine-2 (Bornbay) has gone out of order since December 7, 1991;