

Jobs prospects on expansion of Durgapur Steel Plant

3080. SHRI MOHD. HAYAT ALI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ No. 1517 on 23rd June, 1977 and to state the total number of jobs expected to be created by this expansion in the Alloy-Steel Plant of Durgapur ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA) : The additional man-power requirement for the first stage of expansion of the Alloy Steels Plant of Durgapur is estimated to be approximately 300.

Stipend to youth displaced in Bokaro for studies in I.T.s.

3081. SHRI A. K. ROY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that youth displaced from the Bokaro steel city, received stipend and job guarantee from the Bokaro Steel Ltd., while studying in the I.T.I. from 1968 to 1973;

(b) whether it is a fact that the displaced people of Bokaro steel city are educationally backward and to give them training and employment was a solemn commitment of the Bokaro Steel Ltd. before taking their land; and

(c) if so, whether the Bokaro Steel Ltd. is going to start that scheme again ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA) : (a) and (b) . The initial survey of the displaced families in the area conducted by the Director, Project Land and Rehabilitation, Government of Bihar, had disclosed that the level of the education and skill among these families was low, and that if normal standards for recruitment were to be adopted, the displaced persons could not be able to secure jobs in the skilled categories in Bokaro Steel Limited. The Company, therefore, as one of the measures for improving the employment prospects of the displaced persons, started a special scheme in 1964 for training them in various trades in Industrial Training Institutes in Bihar and in-plant training in steel plants. This was done as it was felt that some time could be allowed for the State Government agencies to set up such facilities at Bokaro. During the period of training, the Company paid monthly stip-

pends to the trainees who were guaranteed employment on successful completion of their training. This scheme remained in operation till 1976.

When there was no Industrial Training Institute at Bokaro Steel City, Bokaro Steel Limited had arranged for the training of a few displaced persons every year and as large number of vacancies were then available it was not difficult to absorb them. With the establishment of ITI by the State Government, running of a parallel scheme was considered unnecessary.

No undertaking, as such, to the effect that training and employment would be given to the displaced persons was given by the Bokaro Steel Limited before taking possession of the land.

(c) No. It is not necessary in view of the establishment of an Industrial Training Institute at Bokaro by the State Government. However, the management of Bokaro Steel Plant has started training schemes for its unqualified/unskilled employees, including those belonging to the category of displaced persons, with a view to increase their skills in different disciplines.

Doctors' Drugs, alone can't ensure Health

3082. SHRI D. G. GAWAI : SHRI KACHARULAL HEMRAJ JAIN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a UN sponsored study of world health trends released in Washington said that better health cannot be purchased by spending over more money on doctors and drugs as reported in the Hindustan Times on the 21st November, 1977; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b). Government have seen the Press Report in question. Efforts are being made to obtain a copy of the U.N. sponsored study so that the matter may be considered further.