

surplus personnel absorbed in other projects undertaken by HSCIL at Bhilai, Kudremukh, etc.

2. The problem of surplus personnel numbering about 6500 at Bokaro has also been discussed recently in a meeting between the Prime Minister, Minister of Steel and Mines and Chief Ministers of Madhya Pradesh and Bihar when it was agreed that some of the surplus workers from Bokaro can be sent to Bhilai, in batches in a phased manner while at the same time local persons would continue to get employment at Bhilai. Action is being taken by CSCL to implement this scheme in consultation with the local authorities of the State Government at Bhilai.

3. No retrenchment has so far taken place at Bokaro of HSCIL workers. Of the initial surplus of 6500 workers Bokaro has so far been able to deploy 1800 in other units of HSCIL leaving a balance of 4700 surplus workers at Bokaro. HSCIL is also trying to secure works abroad so that some of the surplus staff could be utilised in those projects.

4. Efforts are also being made by HSCIL to get the surplus employees absorbed in other public sector construction organisations.

Demand of G. P. and G. C. Sheets in West Bengal and Tripura

2675. SHRI SACHINDRA LAL SINGHA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of annual demand of G.P. and G.C. Sheets in West Bengal and Tripura;

(b) the details of the supply of these sheets in this area;

(c) whether it is a fact that H.S.L. Calcutta Stock-yard failed to supply to the Calcutta Firms;

(d) if so, the details of the demand made by the Calcutta Firms during the last three years, firm-wise; and

(e) the action taken up-to-date in meeting the demand of the Calcutta Firms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) According to the assessment of SAIL, the effective annual demand for GP and GC sheets in West Bengal and Tripura is 20,000 tonnes and 1,500 tonnes respectively.

(b) Details of approximate supplies of GP and GC sheets to West Bengal and Tripura by SAIL are given below:—

	(In tonnes)	
	West Bengal	Tripura
	tonnes	tonnes
1977-78	10,400	500
April--June '78	2,000	150

In addition to the above supplies made by SAIL, supplies have also been made by IISCO and TISCO.

(c) and (d). By and large the demands received by SAIL stock-yard at Calcutta are being depending on the availability. Since the sales from stock-yards take place on 'cash and carry' basis, the demands are not registered. Hence the details of firm-wise demand are not available.

(e) SAIL is rushing supplies of galvanised sheets to areas where shortages are reported.

Committee to go into Alleged Corruption and Misuse in Steel Sector

2676. SHRI SACHINDRA LAL SINGHA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for setting up a Committee to go into alleged mal-practices, corruption and misuse in the Steel Sector;